

MATHWEST
Board of Directors Meeting
Thursday, March 13, 2008, Minutes

I. Call to Order: The meeting was called to order on January 10, 2008, at 4:12 PM at Friendly's in West Springfield. Those in attendance were Tricia Lynn, Louise Lataille, Scott Trahan, Pat Bertone-Gross, and Marnie Henneman. President Tricia Lynn called the meeting to order.

II. Secretary's Report: The minutes from January were presented by the acting Secretary, Tricia Lynn. The secretary's position is currently vacant.

Moved to accept – Scott

Seconded – Marnie

III. Treasurer's Report: There is about \$2500 in the account. Approximately \$50 was made on the Mohegan Sun trip. Monies are continuing to be received for the AP Practice Exam. A formal report will be issued for the next meeting.

IV. Membership Report: Three new members have been added. Twenty people have updated their information using the link on the website.

V. AP Calculus Practice Test: The AP Calculus Practice Test will be held on Saturday, March 29, 2008, at the First Baptist Church in Agawam. The cost will again be \$10 per student. We need volunteers to help. Set up will begin at 7:30 AM and clean up will begin when the test is completed at 1:30 PM. AP Statistics has been added by popular demand. As of 3/13/08, 102 students have registered for the test.

VI. Spring Membership Meeting: The spring meeting will be held on Thursday, April 3, 2008. (Rain date will be Thursday, April 10th. The weather hotline will be Scott's home phone number.) The workshop will be held at HEC in Northampton and admission is FREE. Vegetable snacks and bottled water will be provided. Tricia will be giving a talk on election-based, mathematics lesson plans that can be used for all levels of students. Handouts will be provided for each level: elementary, middle, and high. Dinner after the workshop will be on your own.

VII. Math Poster Contest: The deadline for posters will be Friday, April 18, 2008. Our theme will be "Math Rocks." Letters were mailed after February break. Prizes for students will be awarded, as well as an award (a set of A+ Compass white board tools) for the winning teacher.

VIII. Spring 2009 Conference: The Spring Conference will be held on Tuesday, April 7, 2009, at the Sheraton Hotel in downtown Springfield from 8:00 AM to 4:00 PM. The contract has been mailed and we are waiting to hear back from the Sheraton. Letters will be mailed out in June looking for advertisements. Speaker letters will be mailed in September/November. Doc, Scott, and Tricia have volunteered to have "canned" presentations ready in case of any cancellations or no-shows. Our theme this year will have something to do with multiple representations.

IX. New Business:

- Fall general membership meeting in October of 2008 will have an environmental math theme. Ideas should be forwarded to Pat.
- A letter to schools will be mailed in June that will cover three major topics.
 1. Promotion of the Spring Conference and speaker applications.
 2. A push for new board members.
 3. A push for members to make grant proposals, along with a list of previous grant proposals and a mock grant application.

- Tentative Calendar for 2008 – 2009

September 2008

11 MATHWEST Board Meeting
4:00 PM – Friendly’s Restaurant, Riverdale Road, West Springfield

October 2008

23 General Membership Meeting
4:00 PM – TBD

November 2008

13 MATHWEST Board Meeting
4:00 PM – Friendly’s Restaurant, Riverdale Road, West Springfield

January 2009

8 MATHWEST Board Meeting
4:00 PM – Friendly’s Restaurant, Riverdale Road, West Springfield
16 Mohegan Sun Trip
5:00 PM – Leave Pier 1 Parking Lot at Holyoke Mall

March 2009

12 MATHWEST Board Meeting
4:00 PM – Friendly’s Restaurant, Riverdale Road, West Springfield
28 AP Practice Exam
8:00 AM – Agawam First Baptist Church, Main Street, Agawam

April 2009

7 Spring Conference
8:00 AM – Sheraton Hotel, Springfield, MA
TBD Math Month Poster Contest Deadline

May 2009

14 MATHWEST Board Meeting
4:00 PM – Friendly’s Restaurant, Riverdale Road, West Springfield

- May 8th meeting will be held at Scott Trahan’s home. We will be stuffing envelopes and having a barbeque. Scott will provide the chicken, burgers and buns. Marnie will bring potato salad. Doc will bring a dessert. Pat will bring a garden salad. Tricia will bring a fruit tray.

X. Adjournment: The meeting was adjourned at 5:18 PM.
Moved to accept – Marnie
Seconded – Pat