

MATHWEST
Board of Directors Meeting
Thursday, September 11, 2008, Minutes

I. Call to Order: The meeting was called to order on September 11, 2008, at 4:14 PM at Friendly's Restaurant in West Springfield. Those in attendance were Tricia Lynn, Scott Trahan, Pat Bertone-Gross, Louise Lataille, and Marnie Henneman. President Tricia Lynn called the meeting to order.

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

Moved to accept – Scott

Seconded – Pat

III. Treasurer's Report: The Treasurer's reports from May 16 and September 11 were presented with one correction. (Income listed on the 9/11 report as Heinemann Publishing should be listed as membership income.)

Moved to accept – Pat

Seconded - Doc

IV. Membership Report: Renewal postcards were mailed out and renewals are coming in.

V. Fall Membership Meeting: The Fall General Membership Meeting will be Thursday, October, 23, 2008, at the Pioneer Valley Resource Recovery Center at Bondi's Island, just off Route 5. The theme will be Math and the Environment. Speakers from both the recycling center and the recovery center will be present to speak on environmental topics. Lesson plans with use applied mathematics will be available at this meeting. Registration is at 3:30 PM and the presentation begins at 4:00 PM.

VI. 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. A letter has been written and will be mailed by the end of May to the entire membership regarding the conference and other issues. In September, letters were mailed to look for vendors and advertising for the conference. Speaker applications must be received by Friday, November 21, 2008. There is a real need for speakers. We need a total of 6 elementary, 6 middle grades, and 6 high school speakers. Programs will be finalized and printed during the Christmas vacation and will be mailed by January 1, 2009.

VII. Mohegan Sun Trip: The annual bus trip to Mohegan Sun will be Friday, January 16, 2009, at 5:00 PM from the overflow parking lot at the Holyoke Mall across from Barnes & Noble and Pier 1. Tricia will be calling the bus company to find out about the cost to reserve the bus. At that time, an estimated cost for each passenger will be determined.

VIII. Practice AP Exam: The Practice AP Exam will be given on Saturday, March 28, 2009, at 8:00 AM at the First Baptist Church in Agawam. This year a teacher/representative will be required to come from each school that is sending students. The student cost will be \$12. Any late registrations will be charged \$20, to compensate for extra copying and additional labor costs.

IX. Math Month Poster Contest: Due to low participation, the high school level will be eliminated from the 2009 contest. There will only be middle grades and elementary levels.

X. New Business: Software needs to be purchased for updating the website. The cost will be approximately \$130. The Board voted unanimously to approve this expenditure.

XI. Adjournment: The meeting was adjourned at 4:55 PM.

Moved to accept – Scott

Seconded – Doc