

*MATHWEST
Board of Directors Meeting
January 11, 2007
Minutes*

The meeting was called to order on January 11, 2007, at 4:07 PM at Friendly's in West Springfield. Those in attendance were Cecelia Goncalves, Cindy Tuthill, Tricia Lynn, Barbara Martowski, Andrew Perry, Pat Bertone-Gross, Scott Trahan, and Louise Lataille. Tricia Lynn, our new president, called the meeting to order.

I. **Secretary's Report:** The minutes from November were presented.

Moved to accept – Pat

Seconded – Cecelia

II. **Treasurer's Report:** Pat gave a report of our current financial expenses. Copies of this month's report can be requested from Pat, as copies were not available at the meeting. We currently have about \$150 in our account, but have many bills that still need to pay in relation to conference expenses.

Moved to accept – Cindy

Seconded – Barbara

III. **Membership:** Cecelia reported that we have a few more memberships that came in. Scott and Cecelia will get together this month to prepare a mailing for dual membership enrollment given the new NCTM database we received.

IV. **Cross-Curriculum Connections:** Tricia and Scott discussed the Spring Conference details and presented copies of the completed program. Thanks to Barbara, Ellen, and Marnie, who assisted Tricia, Scott, and some former students in preparing the 2700 mailings.

Scott had a meeting with our hotel contact, Will Smith, and final arrangements have been made. The hotel is reserving a block of 40 rooms for us at a cost of \$69 a night, at no cost to us. Two rooms have been reserved for the board of directors. In addition, we will be given an extra meeting room to use an office. We will also get all vendor tables at no cost. Delivery and set up can occur after 4 PM the day before the conference, for the loading dock becomes available. Breakfast has been ordered by the dozen, and not per person. The monies saved will be used to purchase ice tea that will be served at each table at the luncheon.

There is not much work still to be done, until the month of the conference. We will have two additional work sessions scheduled for Thursday, March 22nd, and Thursday, March 29th at Scott's house after school. We will be preparing totebags and name badges.

Cecelia and Scott will prepare a mailing shortly for all vendors. More vendors are expected in the next couple months.

V. **Teacher of the Year Award:** Over 500 mailings went to all schools in central and western Massachusetts on December 27th. It was also part of the conference mailer.

VI. **Casino Trip:** The Mohegan Sun trip will be tomorrow, Friday, January 12, 2007. We will leave the Pier 1 overflow parking lot at Ingleside Mall at 5:00 PM. The cost is \$28 per person. Currently, we have 26 people in attendance, and have covered our costs. We will take people with cash in hand the day of the trip.

VII. **Poster Contest:** Louise Lataille will chair this contest again in April. Costs will be determined. The theme this year will be, "*Play it by Math!*" a take off on "*Play it by Ear!*" Judging will take place after April vacation. Louise will set up a time frame that allows us for us to advertise the contest at the conference, and still announce winners in a timely fashion.

VIII. **AP Practice Exam:** The AP Practice Exam will be held on Saturday, March 31, 2007, at the Agawam Baptist Church in Agawam. A mailing for this event was sent to 200+ schools in central and western Massachusetts. We already received a couple of registrations.

IX. **Web Site:** The website has been updated with new officer information. In addition, online conference registration is available if paying by credit card via Google Checkout. We hope to have membership renewal available online shortly.

X. **New Business**

Fall Meeting: Our Fall 2007 General Membership Meeting will be in conjunction with STCC. Our theme will be Engineering Connections. Scott will contact the dean, who contacted him originally.

NCTM Issues: We have received notice of our status as "Not in Good Standing," for our officers need to be updated. Tricia contacted all members and has received all information for submission. However, NCTM requires all affiliate officers to now be members. Therefore, we are awaiting one board member to receive a membership number before submitting the form.

XIII. **Adjournment:** The meeting was adjourned at 4:53 PM.

Moved to accept – Cindy

Seconded – Barbara