

MATHWEST  
Board of Directors Meeting  
September 8, 2005  
Minutes

The meeting was called to order on September 8, 2005, at 4:15 PM at Cindy Tuthill's home in East Longmeadow. Those in attendance were Marnie Henneman, Louise Lataille, Tricia Lynn, Cindy Tuthill, Pat Bertone-Gross, Scott Trahan, Barbara Martowski, Ellen Follett, and Andrew Perry. The meeting was called to order by Scott Trahan, our president.

**Secretary's Report:** There were no minutes from June due to the fact that Kerry Hallihan has taken a year of leave to do mission work in South America. Tricia Lynn has volunteered to fill the position in the interim.

**Membership:** We welcomed our newest board member, Andrew Perry from Springfield College, who replaces Nancy Strouse who recently retired from the board. We also announced the need for a new membership chair. Cecelia Goncalves is teaching in England for the year. Luckily, Scott was able to recruit one of his students to help update our member list over the summer. Renewal notices went out at the beginning of August. Those who responded were sent new membership card with discounts at local stores on the back of the card.

**Treasurer's Report:** Pat reported that the last check was finally received for the last conference. Expenses were reported from various sources as well as deposits made for the T3 Conference in 2006 and the ATMNE Conference in 2007.

Marnie - moved

Scott – seconded

**Mary Alice Wilson Grant:** No new applications received. Barbara volunteered to be the new contact person.

**Ruth O'Malley Presenter's Award:** No new applications received. 2 or 3 will be awarded for the T3 Conference in 2006.

**Calendar:** The calendar has been updated. Please mark your calendar for upcoming meetings and events. The AP Calculus meetings will resume at Bertucci's starting September 22<sup>nd</sup>. It was noted that a blurb should be added to the front page of the website to announce this.

**Fall Meeting, October 27, 2005:** The meeting will be held at 60 Masonic Street in Northampton. There will be a short business meeting from 3:30 to 4:00. There will be two sessions running from 4:00 to 6:00: A Northampton Math Trail by Betsy Sokol and Olga Michael & Match Wits with YOUR Newspaper by Deborah Doulette. Dinner will follow at any of the local restaurants in downtown Noho.

**T3 Regional Conference:** Will be held on Friday, March 31<sup>st</sup>, and Saturday, April 1<sup>st</sup> at the MassMutual Conference Center. We have blocked 30 rooms at the Holiday Inn in Springfield. The keynote address will be given by Edward Connors, Professor Emeritus, UMass. A preliminary budget, speaker applications, and sponsorship applications were reviewed in detail. We have a goal of 400 attendees for this conference. We are also looking to see if PDP's can be offered through Agawam High School for this event. We are also looking for suggestions on freebies for the conference (magnet clips, lunchboxes, pens, etc).

**Newsletter Editor:** Due to the conception of our website, the newsletter editor position has been deemed obsolete. The newsletter is being replaced by a continually updated website.

**MATHWEST Website:** Now that the newsletter is no more, we need people to submit items/articles to keep it up-to-date. The next steps to be taken with the website will be to add a bulletin board so people may post their own announcements and a list of items available for a lending library. We also discussed the viability of accepting credit card payments on our website for conferences (moved by Barbara and seconded by Marnie) and getting a debit card for purchases (moved by Louise and seconded by Louise). Scott and Pat will discuss these issues with our bank and report back to us at the October meeting. We will also be speaking to HEC about advertising their math focus group.

**ATMNE Business:** We will be hosting the ATMNE Conference on November 1 – 3, 2007. It will be held at the MassMutual Convention Center and 50 rooms have been blocked at the Holiday Inn in Springfield. The deposit for the convention center has already been paid. We will ask ATMNE to forgo the seed money in exchange for 60% of the profits from the conference instead of the 40% that is customary.

Moved - Louise

Seconded – Barbara

**New Business:** It has been proposed that board members be given one year of free membership dues for each year served (not retroactive) due to the increased amount of work related to the position. This will be voted on at the general membership meeting in October.

The January trip to Mohegan Sun is in the works. This year, invitations will be sent to each member with an RSVP date of January 5, 2006.

The meeting was adjourned at 6:05 PM.