

## **GCTE Executive Board Meeting**

**Date: February 7, 2009**

**Members Present:** Jim Cope, Diana Poore, Alan Perry, Jim Hill, Brenda Logan, Jean Copland, Julie Rucker, Kathleen McKenzie, Merrill Davies, Gerald Boyd, Alisa Daniels, Cassandra, Gerald Boyd, Nancy Remler, Anna Nero

### **Agenda:**

**Call to order: At 1:50**

**Minutes of last board meeting Cassandra was present at the meeting, Alisa and Kathleen, Jean motion, Cassandra seconded**

**Treasurers Report:** See attached. Gerald will work on the budget and give us a report and each director needs to come prepared with how to cut back in his/her area.

### **Director's Reports:**

**Director 1 (Diversity):** Jim Hill and Brenda Logan

Received 5 applications and three were selected for awards. Their presentations were excellent. We received the NCTE Multicultural Award.

**Director 2 (Publications):** Jean Copland

See attached. Next due date February 28. The newsletter will be out in April. Need Kudos. If you gave an award, please send Gerald the names in the order that you gave the award.

**Director 3 (Membership):** Patti McWhorter.

Jim has sent up a Google Calendar so that we can schedule meetings. Jim needs everyone's e-mail. The google calendar will send reminders to people. Jim would like to get the timeline for the whole year.

Jim and Patti are looking at other ways to increase membership such as reviewers.

Dream Award: We need around 40 members of color for the free memberships. Kathleen needs the applications by April 1. The memberships applications should say Fund the Dream.

**Director 4 (Conferences):** Alan Perry

We are down in number. We had 222 participants. People waited until the last minute. We had 140 people pre-registered two weeks ago. We had 41 people registered on site and 40 in the past two weeks. We have picked up new memberships and renewals. Don't expect a profit this year. We lost half of our vendors. We also took a hit on sponsorships. We spent \$500 on wine and cheese. The conference next year will be at Callaway Gardens. We will have a bill for about \$12,000 from the conference center. Alan is open to suggestions for speakers. Laurence Banks would be a good speaker. Cassandra will talk to Dorrie for Callaway. We may want to go to Callaway several years in a row until the economy gets better. We may want to raise our prices for registration fees. We had 23 vendor tables.

**Director 5 (Teacher/School Awards): Julie Rucker**

Julie thanked Kathleen and Nancy for helping her to streamline the process. They are internet based. We only had 3 applicants. We went up on the amount of the award. Julie notified them that they would receive more money if they attended.

**Director 6 (Journals): Nancy Remler and Merrill Davies**

Nancy thanked the board. We did not have the fall issue of Connections. We voted last year to reduce to one issue. Manuscripts have been trickling in but are not good quality. She has contacted all Writing Project sites in Georgia and surrounding states and also contacted Schools of Education.

Merrill asked for submissions. Encourage people to submit their student's works. Congratulations to Merrill

**Director 7 (Technology): Jim Cope**

Gets about 1200-1500 hits. We won the NCTE award for technology. We may want to add a blog or Wiki space.

**Director 8 (College Relationships): Dawn Kirby**

Not present. We had several good entrants for this award.

**NCTE Liaison Report: Merrill Davies**

The resolutions are not published ahead of time. Make sure Merrill is aware of everything we are doing.

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**GLAS / State Dept. ReportSLATE Report: Pearl McHaney**

**Historian's Report:** Carolyn Coleman

Not Present

**Public Relations Chair:** Adam Hathaway

Not Present

**Georgia Writing Project Liaison:** Alisa Daniels

There are seven national writing sites in Georgia. She talked about adding a writing section to the book reviews.

NCTE Promising Young Writers Chair: Anna Nero

Expecting entries to come in next week.

### **Old Business**

Maps- Talked with Ani Steele. Glencoe took our map and put it in the 8<sup>th</sup> grade lit. books.

Send Gerald NCTE expenses.

### **New Business:**

Julie motioned that we nominate Marsha Wright for the NCTE Secondary Section Teacher of Excellence. Kathleen seconded. Passed unanimously.

Jean made the motion to adjourn and Gerald seconded.

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Minutes respectfully submitted by:

Diana Poore