

GCTE Executive Board

June 7, 2008

Agenda

Members Present: Jim Cope, Diana Poore, Julie Rucker, Gerald Boyd, Merrill Davies, Jean Copland, Brenda Logan, Kathleen McKenzie, Sharon Augustine, Pearl McHaney, Carolyn Coleman, Adam Hathaway, Anna Nero, Alisa Daniel

Minutes of the previous meeting were approved with Jean Copland's motion and Kathleen McKenzie's second. The minutes were passed unanimously.

Treasurer's Report

The board examined the treasurer's report. It reflected the Shakespeare conference. Kathleen asked about the payout for the Literary Maps. The cost was approximately \$1400. Gerald Boyd made motion to accept the treasurer's report and Adam Hathaway seconded the motion. The treasurer's report was accepted unanimously.

Directors' Reports:

Director 1 (Diversity): Jim Hill and Brenda Logan

Director 1 and Co-Director 1 submitted the GCTE's application for the 2008 NCTE Multicultural Award in May 2008

Director 2 (Publications): Jean Copland

Jean needs news-netters. She also needs kudos reports and articles for Scribbles. A biographical sketch for Alisa is needed in the next Scribbles. The next deadline for Scribbles is August 1. The state TOY is from Cartersville and an English teacher. We need to send her a congratulations and membership information for GCTE. Pearl will write about the bi-centennial of Edgar Allen Poe and centennial year of Eudora Welty.

Director 3 (Membership): Patti McWhorter

Not present

Director 4 (Conferences): Alan Perry

Not present- see report

Next year's conference will be in Jekyll Island. The prices are wonderful. The guest speakers are Bob Probst and Kylene Beers. Phillip Lee Williams was

suggested as a speaker. Pearl suggested Janice Ray, Pearl Cleage or Walter Dean Myers. We are getting publishers that are showing interest in sponsoring events. Pearson may sponsor our luncheons. Ann Patchett or Joshilyn Jackson may be good speakers. Pearson is interested in distributing the literary maps.

We have 22 teachers from Georgia taking part in the Shakespeare Institute.

We would like to see copies of books by our featured speakers at the conference.

Director 5 (Teacher/School Awards): Julie Rucker

See report. We nominated Mary Lynn Huie for the NCTE Secondary Section Teacher of Excellence award. Julie made a motion to give Mary Lynn \$500 for travel to the NCTE conference. She will write an article and present at our next conference. Gerald seconded the motion and it was passed unanimously. An article concerning this needs to be written up in Scribbles.

The process of TOY needs to be revamped. We should eliminate the nomination process and mail the forms directly to every GCTE member requesting that the member either apply themselves or they may give the application to a teacher they feel should be the GCTE Teacher of the Year. Julie made a motion for a mailing of TOY material, seconded by Kathleen. The motion was passed unanimously.

Julie needs more money in her budget-approximately \$3300 in her budget. A motion was made by Julie to raise her budget by \$3300 to cover expenses for postage, NCTE Conference support for Secondary Teacher of Excellence, and \$250 for the TOY winner who attends GCTE to offset the expenses of the conference. Gerald seconded the motion. It was passed unanimously.

Director 6 (Journals): Nancy Remler and Merrill Davies

Merrill was concerned about the number of members participating in this. We may want to do a direct mailout to members about the contest. It did not happen this past year. We may want to put a beginning date for submissions- A beginning and end date.

We may want to look at reducing the amount of editions to Connections to once a year instead of twice a year until we accumulate enough submissions to warrant two issues to year. It was seconded by Sharon. Kathleen voted against the motion. It was passed by a majority vote. Julie suggested an award –free registration- for top article for Connections. We may want to contact Teachers as Writers group and the Writing Project groups to ask them to submit.

Director 7 (Technology): Jim Cope

The website looks great. Please look at your area on the website to see if there is anything you need to update. Please send Jim updates. The site gets 1200-1500 hits per month. Please take down TOY until changes can be made.

Director 8 (College Relations): Dawn Kirby

Not present.

NCTE Liaison Report: Merrill Davies

Merrill surveyed the group for information for the report. The following input was given:

Most outstanding accomplishment:

Our conference-Melissa Fay Greene

Mini-conference

Literary maps

Special Projects:

Fund the Dream Grant

Gerald helped with getting Georgia Literature in the Standards

Challenges:

Participation and Membership

Most important issues: teacher retention, high stakes testing

GLAS/State Dept. Report: Mary Stout

No report

SLATE Report: Pearl McHaney

No report.

Historian's Report: Carolyn Coleman

No report

Public Relations Chair: Adam Hathaway

No report. Please send Folger's information to him. Pearl will ask participants to give names of their local newspapers to Adam. Julie will include a press release in the TOY packets.

Georgia Writing Project Liaison: Alisa Daniel

We have a writing project strand at the conference. Need to encourage the Georgia Writing Project participants to send in proposals. There are 8-10 slots.

NCTE Promising Young Writers Chair: Anna Nero

Old Business:

Shakespeare Conference

Pearl is putting together information on area restaurants. She will ask Alan if he has a poster about the next conference ready so it may be shared at the Shakespeare Conference. Membership information needs to be shared at the conference.

Constitutional Retreat

This will be tabled until we have a closer look at the budget..

New Business:

Fund the Dream Project

We received money from NCTE grant to fund membership for recruiting Teachers of Color. Those submitting memberships will receive conference registrations (\$90). We have not received many submissions (6). We need to put this information on the website.

Partnering with Pearson Education with Literary Maps

Gerald received an inquiry concerning the possibility of a partnership from Pearson. Gerald's believes that Pearson will pay for the distribution of the literary maps.

Supporting the new elementary writing standards

There is very little on writing standard in the document. Gerald asked that we support this document. A letter will need to be written in support. A motion was made by Gerald to support and endorse the document GPS ELA Writing . Adam seconded the motion. It was passed unanimously.

Current travel rate for gas: We voted to mirror the state rate of 50.5.

NCTE Convention:

Those attending are Merrill, Jim, Gerald, Alan. We would like to support Kathleen. We will need funding for Merrill, some from Jim,

Jim called for the question to assist Merrill's trip (total support-1/2 of the gas or airfare, hotel, meals, and registration) and funding of other board members up to \$600. These people must represent the board in some function. This was passed unanimously.

GCTE Map- see report. Please send Kathleen names of other authors. Kathleen made a motion that she should have permission to start a new map. It was seconded by Jean and passed unanimously. We may want to look at school systems for which we would like to donate our maps.

Motion: When new map is produced, the old maps will be donated. This was seconded by Adam and passed unanimously.

Fifty copies of Shout were sold to Chatuge County.

We will meet again in Warner Robins in October.

The meeting was adjourned at 12:55.

Minutes respectfully submitted by:

Diana Poore

