

GCTE Executive Board Meeting

Date: October 21, 2006

Members Present:

Agenda:

Call to order: The meeting was called to order at 10:08 a.m. Members present are Jim Cope, Gerald Boyd, Alan Perry, Julie Rucker, Anna Nero, Merrill Davies, Sharon Augustine, Dawn Kirby

Minutes of last board meeting- Motion by Gerald to accept the minutes, seconded by Kathleen. Minutes were unanimously accepted.

Treasurers Report: Income was more than expected. Balance on hand is 87,100. 71. Alan made the motion to approve, Julie seconded, unanimously accepted.

Director's Reports:

Director 1 (Diversity):

Not present. The grant information has been sent.

Director 2 (Publications): Jean Copeland

Not present. Report was sent. The spring/summer issues were sent out at the end of the summer. The fall issue information was due Oct. 15. A suggestion is needed for a front page story. Check with faculty members for kudos information.

Director 3 (Membership): Patti McWhorter

Gerald provided the contact for electronic labels. Mark Tavenier is interested in becoming involved with the organization. Jim is awaiting for updates in software before purchasing new software for membership.

Director 4 (Conferences): Alan Perry

Four guest speakers have been confirmed for the conference. Thursday night will have entertainment. The opening and general session times have been extended. There will be five breakout sessions. There will be forty sessions. Julie will introduce Kylene and Bob during the 2 ½ hour luncheon.

For the 2008 conference, the Athens Centre was not cost efficient, so Alan has signed the contract for the conference for Callaway Gardens for 2008. For the summer mini-conference, we are looking at two different times. We need one general session area. The theme is differentiation. Gerald may be able to get Sally Kreisel for a workshop. We may be able to get Cindy Snyder and Sally Reese. The dates are June 22 and 23 or July 13 and 14.

Director 5 (Teacher/School Awards): Julie Rucker

She has received only three nominations. The deadline date is Dec. 31. Information regarding Teacher of the Year needs to be placed in Scribbles.

Director 6 (Journal): Gwen McAlpine
Nancy Remler was nominated for the editor of Connections. Gerald made a motion to accept the nomination, Julie seconded. The vote was unanimous. Gwen is working on the next issue.
Alan would like to resign from secondary editor of Connections. Gerald said that he would gladly take this position.
Merrill needs more submissions for Connections.

Director 7 (Technology): Jim Cope
We won honorable mention for the website for NCTE. We receive approximately 1500 hits per month on the website. We would like to contact people through e-mail.

Director 8 (College Relationships):
We have received 2 ½ nominations. The deadline is near the end of October. We have three teachers who have applied for mini-grants.

NCTE Liaison Report: Merrill Davies
NCTE has had some problems with their survey information.

GLAS / State Dept. Report: Gerald Boyd
A proposal was sent to the state board of education on Georgia literature. Gerald recommended Christie McCarley for the state department report.

SLATE Report: Pearl McHaney
Not present, Please check email.

Historian's Report: Carolyn Coleman
Carolyn would be glad to write the history of GCTE. She has asked everyone to contribute. She would like it to be historically correct and anecdotal. She asked Jim to please get the filing cabinet.

Public Relations Chair: Adam Hathaway:
Not present. If you have newspaper articles on GCTE members, please send to Adam.

Georgia Writing Project Liaison: Nancy Remler
Not present. She sent a report. The Coastal Writing Project is having a conference. She has asked that you share that with friends.

NCTE Promising Young Writers Chair: Anna Nero
The deadline is January. The competition is for 8th grade only. Her goal is still 10 participating schools.

Old Business

To get to the officers page: Login is GCTE lower case. The password is upper case GCTENCTE. This needs to be bookmarked.

Capen Award

The qualifications should include:

The person should be a GCTE active member who attends conferences.

The person should have presented at conferences.

They should have represented GCTE well.

The committee will be composed of Cassandra and Kathleen. They will come up with qualifications.

Send nominations to Jim Cope either through e-mail or on paper at the board meeting.

Jim needs nominations by January 15, 2007.

New Business:

NCTE- Merrill and Sharon Augustine will attend the opening session. They will sign in and receive the voting card.

Gerald will send information to vendors regarding the conference. Diana will work on door prizes and the Scholastic Book Fairs. Merrill will work on decorations.

Gerald will be the co-editor of Scribbles.

Alan made the motion to adjourn and Kathleen seconded. It was passed unanimously.

The meeting adjourned at 11:45.