

## MINUTES OF THE MATYCONN MEMBERSHIP MEETING

Norwalk Community College

Friday, October 21, 2016

### 1. Welcome

Janet Zupkus, President, opened the meeting at 10:35 am. and welcomed the membership.

### 2. Review of Minutes from Membership Meeting, April 15, 2016.

Minutes were approved with corrections.

### 3. Treasurer's Report

Emily Hepworth, treasurer, gave the report. It will be filed without corrections. Of note were the total expenditures which were higher this year mostly due to the math contest and the scholarships.

### 4. AMATYC Report

Ernie Danforth gave the report. Once again he invited everyone to the AMATYC meeting in Denver, CO, in November. Delegate packets will be available. There are positions to fill. Ernie's positions is up. The Teaching Excellence Award depends upon the number of nominations. These are due by December 9, 2016.

Ernie thanked all for their support and donations to the food pantry in his wife's name. Steve made a motion to create a scholarship in memory of Ernie's wife, Kate. Helen seconded it.

### 5. Conference in Germany

Steve Krevisky reported on the conference that he attended in Germany this summer. He spoke there in one of the sessions for 2-year colleges. His topic was "Using sports data in mathematics classes." His poster was available for viewing.

### 6. Math Contest report

Steve Krevisky and Nick Stugard, co-chairs, gave the report. Nick already has some new problems ready to go. Due to the large number of high scores, the time will remain at 2 hours, but the number of questions will be increased by 5. There will be more questions on combinatorics, number theory, factors and primes. Please let them know if you are still the contact person for your CC. AND send the \$50 from your school to Emily.

The contest should be held Wednesday through Saturday the week before our spring meeting

### 7. Scholarship Report

Larissa Alikhanova, Michelle Breaker and Deb Myer were asked about the original intent of the scholarship. It was started as a scholarship for minority students. But it has evolved to include anyone.

Janet said we will discuss this at the Spring 2017 meeting.

### 8. Math Issues

Harry Burt, vice-president, reported for Teresa Foley, that the committee will continue to look at common course numbering. They will also be considering the new SAT scores and how to incorporate them into our cutoff scores..

**9. Newsletter report**

Amanda Sweeney noted that we would like to suspend distributing a paper copy of the newsletter. (It is only produced once a year in the Fall. Is the publication paid for by the treasurer?) Please send submissions. Think of things that you do that you might be willing to share. Nothing is too trivial

**10. Membership report**

Harry Burt reported for Jana Sime. Please renew if you have not done so already.

**11. Website update**

Kegan Samuel reported that our minutes as well as Math Issues minutes will be on the website. If there are any corrections or omissions, please let Kegan know. To access the website you register on-line on the site. There is a list on the website that tells when your membership is up.

**12. Formation of nominating committee**

Janet Zupkus reminded us of the procedure involved:

- a) Chair contacts current officers to ask if they wish to renew.
- b) Chair then asks general membership if anyone wants to run.
- c) Then we present slate at the spring meeting.

Pam Frost offered to chair the committee. We will need nominees for vice-president, treasurer and secretary.

**13. New Business**

Janet applied for a Traveling Workshop Grant and we got it - \$2000. It will involve inquiry based curriculum and an interactive workshop. We usually have an academic-based speaker in the Spring and a curriculum-based speaker in the Fall. One of these speakers would be outside our membership.

Nancy Fleming reminded everyone that the AMATYC scholarship is quite involved in that it requires 3-4 letters. You can self-nominate. The award is \$500. If 23 nominations are received, then they give 8 awards

**14. Plans for spring meeting**

Naugatuck Valley Community College in Waterbury will host the April 2017 membership meeting. It may possibly be on Friday, April 21, and will start at 1 or 2pm and include dinner. This will be discussed at the next executive board meeting.

Steve made a motion to adjourn and Harry seconded it.

Janet adjourned the meeting at 11:30 am for lunch.