

Minutes MATYCONN

Meeting of April 29, 2005

The meeting was called to order at 11:25 a.m. by Alice Burstein at Gateway CC. The Minutes of the Fall, 2004 meeting were approved.

Treasurer's report. Bob Lynott reported that the balance in our account is \$6902.36 which does not include dollars owed to the organization by colleges who participated in the contest. All were reminded to send checks to Bob at NVCC payable to MATYCONN.

Membership report. Membership directories were distributed. MATYCONN has 71 members including eight new faculty! We warmly welcomed the new members and thanked Cora for her excellent work as membership coordinator. Bob Lynott commended the campus recruiters for their fine recruiting efforts.

Math contest.—Steve Krevisky—MATYCONN is celebrating the 15th year of this event. We all thanked Steve for his energy and enthusiasm leading this effort all this time. Steve is asking for others to come forward and help write problems for the next contest. If interested, please contact Steve at MXCC.

There were four perfect papers and 2 students with scores of 39/40. Bob Lynott made a motion that we split the money among the four winners; motion seconded by Kathy Bavelas and approved.

Betsy made a motion that we give six plaques: 4 for the first prize winners and two for the students who placed second. The motion was seconded and approved.

Kathy Bavelas moved that we give \$150.00 to each of the four winners; Steve seconded the motion which was unanimously approved.

Newsletter.—Elaine Dinto—Elaine thanked everyone who contributed to the newsletter on behalf of herself and Bonnie Simon who was not able to attend. The group enthusiastically applauded Elaine and Bonnie for their outstanding work on the newsletter.

Other business.—Alice reported that the Executive committee voted on line to donate \$100.00 to hospitality for the 2005 AMATYC conference which will be held November 10-13 in San Diego, CA. Steve mentioned that there is still a chance to contribute to the Crossroads document.

Summer institutes will take place in NC and MI. See the AMATYC Web site for details:
<http://www.amatyc.org>.

At the Orlando conference, Steve presented a workshop on the potential to form an international mathematics education group and suggested that we do a poster session in San Diego. Those interested should contact him or Joe Karnowski.

Joe and Steve attended the 1.5 day NEMATYC Conference where the idea of having a joint meeting with MATYCONN was discussed. Steve confirmed that the NEMATYC Board is indeed receptive to this idea; the group present indicated that they would be willing to attend as long as the meeting was held in southern New England.

There is a continuing concern among the 2- and 4-year colleges about the number of students who need developmental classes across the State. The Council of Presidents as well as the Governor is looking at best practices in developmental education. Next year, the Governor will examine education in mathematics and the sciences. Legislators and leaders in the business and academic communities will develop two white papers: one from the business community and one from the academic area.

The Math Issues Committee was concerned about the transferability of the elementary statistics course. There is also some discussion within the System about changing the placement instrument.

New business. Alice made the following announcements:

- ❖ The NCTM Conference will be held October 6-8 in Hartford at the new conference center. MATYCONN members were encouraged to come for at least a day! Get info at <http://www.nctm.org>.
- ❖ The summer fractal geometry workshop will be held at Yale August 8-12 with the three day follow-up on August 15-17. Email Michael Frame: michael.frame@yale.edu for info.
- ❖ The Center for Teaching must submit a budget to the System every year. This year's submission includes a *request* for grants for disciplinary workshops. Watch for that possibility in the Fall.
- ❖ AMATYC dues are going up after June 1 so pay your dues now!

There was some discussion about putting the Constitution on the Web Site. We all agreed that this was a fine idea.

The Fall MATYCONN meeting will be held at Three Rivers CC; no date was set at this time.

Election of officers. Alice Burstein proposed the following slate of officers:

- ❖ Joe Karnowski from NCC president
- ❖ Mark Leach HCC vice president
- ❖ Betsey Doane HCC secretary
- ❖ Deb Litwinko NVCC treasurer
- ❖ Jana Sime MCC membership
- ❖ Larisa Alikhanova Three Rivers CC minority scholarship
- ❖ Elaine Dinto and Bonnie Simon NVCC newsletter editors
- ❖ Steve Krevisky MCC math contest chair.
- ❖ Elaine Dinto Webmaster

There being no further nominations from the floor, the secretary cast one ballot for the slate. The entire group warmly thanked the outgoing officers for their excellent work and real dedication to MATYCONN.

We thoroughly enjoyed a wonderful presentation on fractal music given by Harlan Brothers!

The meeting was adjourned at 12:15.

Respectfully Submitted,

Betsey Doane
Secretary