

Minutes MATYCONN

Meeting of October 21, 2005

The meeting was called to order by President Joe Karnowski at Three Rivers CC at 12:55.

Betsey distributed the minutes of the spring meeting which were approved as amended on a motion made by Kathy Bavelas and seconded by Mark Leach.

Treasurer Deb Litwinko distributed the treasurer's report which was approved on a motion made by Steve Krevisky seconded by Kathy Bavelas.

Jana reported that there are 3 new members giving us a total of 63 dues paying members. There was a discussion about the necessity of putting together a paper copy of the membership directory. Some felt they really wanted a hardcopy while others felt that the information on the Web site was sufficient. Kathy suggested that each be asked about whether they want a paper copy; perhaps enough could be made to distribute to those who need it. There was also discussion about emailing the information as well as distributing copies to campus contacts.

Andre Freeman agreed to be campus contact at Capital CC; Rachael Schettenhelm will be our contact at Gateway. Thanks to all the campus contacts who continue to recruit new members and encourage renewals.

Nominating committee.--The following members agreed to serve on the nominating committee: Sandy Pettinico, Elaine Dinto and Deb Litwinko. The proposed slate of officers should be sent to the campus contacts for distribution.

Math Issues Committee.--Kathy reported on the Math Issues Committee. There was a statewide meeting of teachers K-12, reps from UCONN, the four state universities and the CC System which tried to answer the question: What can we do to ease the transition from high school to college? We have been called to have a debriefing and set up an agenda for further action. They looked at a K-16 model from Maryland. What goals do we have for bridging this gap between high school and college? For example, every CC and university has different cut-off scores on the placement test.

On behalf of the Math Issues Committee, Pat Hirschy is spearheading an effort to resolve inconsistencies in CC statistics course transfer.

The committee is concerned about maintaining the common course numbering system with respect to the 80% common syllabus topics.

Miguel would like to see MATYCONN include a workshop on the difference between college algebra and precalculus.

MATYCONN Scholarship. -- The scholarship committee chaired by Larisa worked very hard to produce documents which describe and implement the scholarship application process. These documents were presented at the meeting and the following changes adopted:

Under Purpose: The annual MATYCONN scholarship program recognizes individuals who are successful in mathematics and enrolled in degree programs at Connecticut Community Colleges.

There was a great deal of discussion about the guidelines/eligibility criteria. Andre made a motion seconded by Steve to make the following change:

- Original: Have successfully completed at least 3 mathematics courses, including Calculus I, in the Connecticut Community College System
OR
Have successfully completed at least 3 mathematics courses in the Connecticut Community College System, at least one of which is above the Intermediate Algebra level and one is below.
- Change: Have successfully completed at least 3 mathematics courses, at least one of which is above Intermediate Algebra, in the Community College System.

The motion passed 18 in favor, 1 opposed and 1 abstention.

Newsletter.--Send articles for the newsletter to Bonnie or Elaine. Think about the possibility of an electronic newsletter because it is expensive to produce in this format.

Math contest.--The 16th annual mathematics contest will take place on Saturday, April 1, 2006 on your campus. Send Steve problems—he asked for a committee to assist him in this area. Sandy Pettinico, Cora Preibis, Ron Blevins and Andre Freeman agreed to help. We were encouraged to recruit students and send \$50 to Deb toward the prizes.

AMATYC.--The AMATYC meeting will be held in San Diego November 10-13. Steve and Joe will be delegates from MATYCONN. They will be voting on endorsing the *Beyond Crossroads* document which talks about standards. There is also discussion about raising the national dues automatically according to the Consumer Price Index. No one supported such a raise at this meeting.

Are you interested in AMATYC's proposal of mathematics across the curriculum? Send in comments.

Spring meeting.--NEMATYC invited us to join their spring, 2006 conference in Manchester, NH on the weekend of April 21-22. Alice Grandgeorge made the motion that we support this joint effort. Manchester CC would be our backup site. The vote was in favor of this proposal.

Manchester CC needs tutors on Saturday's in the mathematics learning center. Please get the word out.

Steve passed around two articles about mathematics education for possible discussion at another MATYCONN meeting.

Steve moved to adjourn the meeting. The motion was seconded by Betsey. The meeting was adjourned at 2:10.

Respectfully Submitted,
Betsey Doane
Secretary