

MINUTES

MEETING OF OCTOBER 20, 2006

The meeting was called to order at 2:00 p.m. at Norwalk Community College by President Joe Karnowski.

The minutes, agenda and treasurer's report were distributed.

The new members of the Executive Board were introduced: Andre Freeman from Capital, Amanda Buckley from Northwestern and Sandy Pettinico from Naugatuck Valley. Andre and Amanda volunteered to do the newsletter.

There was a discussion about the definition of "majority". Since our constitution does not define this word, it was decided to adopt Robert's Rules of Order in an informal form—motion made by Rachael Schettenhelm and seconded by Steve Krevisky.

There was no Spring, 06 business meeting because only a few members attended the NEMATYC meeting.

The group thanked Kathy Bavelas for doing the elections.

Steve made a motion to approve the Minutes of the Fall, 2005 meeting. The motion was seconded by Kathy and approved.

Treasurer's report

Treasurer Deborah Litwinko gave the following report: amount 6697.49 available. Sent a \$100.00 donation to AMATYC for conference in Cincinnati. Elaine Dinto suggested that we invest the money in the Credit Union at 4.3%. Kathy moved that once Deb investigates this opportunity, the Executive Board should make this decision. Steve seconded the motion and the motion carried.

Steve moved to accept treasurer's report. Elaine seconded it. Motion carried.

Membership Report

Membership Chair Jana Sime reported one new member. The treasurer reported several new members paid dues. We have one returning member from Capital CC; a total of 74 members. We have a campus contact at Tunxis.

Contest Committee: Steve and Sandy

The seventeenth annual mathematics contest will be held on April 14. All were urged to submit questions and start recruiting students. Contest questions from last year's contest can be distributed in order to give students a feel for what is expected. Each participating campus sends in \$50; the top three system winners get a prize. Local campuses can of course give their own awards. Since there were ties for first and second place this year, the Executive Board decided to

give \$150 to each of the two first-place submissions and \$100 to each of the three students who scored second place. Elaine agreed to put PDF copies of previous contests up on the Web. Deb Litwinko will help Steve with the 2007 contest. Help in this effort is thankfully received.

Newsletter

Andre is already looking for newsletter articles. Jana offered to find someone to write about today's workshop and Kathy volunteered to read another math book and write a review.

Scholarship

Craig Pratt won the scholarship. The other winner, Midori Podgorski from Middlesex never cashed her \$200 check. Janet Zupkus moved and Rachael seconded a motion to let the Executive Board decide about this issue. Motion carried. Kathy moved and Steve seconded a motion to make the minimum award for 2007 \$200 subject to an increase approved by the Executive Board. Motion carried.

Web Site

Email Elaine Dinto with any items for the site.

National Conference November 2-5, Cincinnati

Theme: Beyond Crossroads.

- Steve Krevisky and Joe Karnowski delegates.
- Sonia Mihok and Alice Grandgeorge State delegates.
- Proposal to change AMATYC constitution to increase dues subject to the price index. Discussion followed.
- Discussion of a position paper on using technology in the mathematics classroom.

Other items

- Steve went to the Fall dinner of NEMATYC in Worcester. There was to be a talk on The mathematics of games and tournaments but the speaker was unable to attend. Instead, there was a talk on what mathematics teachers of elementary through junior high school should know.
- The Math Issues and Math Basic Skills committees are continuing to talk about the implications of tech prep. Kathy Bavelas is on Math Transition and Alignment. That committee makes adjustments to better align what's happening in high school mathematics education so that hopefully fewer will place in developmental courses. The committee met each week last summer with faculty from high schools, UCONN, other 4-year colleges to work on an Algebra II course with applications. Membership on this committee is open to those interested. The assumption is made that all students who leave high school should have a certain set of mathematics skills.
- Rachael reported about Math Issues. The common course-number grid is being revisited

starting with the calculus. Calculus syllabi are being looked at to be sure that courses are 100% consistent across the System.

- The CT Academy for Math and Science wants a rep from MATYCONN to go to their meetings on Tuesday's. Joe Karnowski is currently going and looking for other volunteers. No one volunteered. Every math and science org is represented at the Academy in Middletown.

Nominating committee members

- ❖ Bonnie Simon NVCC
- ❖ Janet Zupkus NVCC
- ❖ Kathy Bavelas Gateway CC

Steve suggested the organization consider a president-elect position.

Spring meeting

Steve made a motion that the next meeting should be held on April 27 at Manchester CC; motion seconded by Sandy. Motion carried. We all agreed that the theme will be on line teaching in mathematics with presentations from among those currently teaching on line with technology. Invite Tobi Krutt, Manager of Technological Tools and Training, to talk about best practices and Vista.

Steve expressed the concern among some that there is not enough professional development money to go around and suggested that the delegate meeting be moved earlier in the Conference to allow more to attend.

Steve encouraged people to consider going to the 2008 international math ed conference in Monterrey, Mexico.

Steve is running again for Northeast VP. Only 40% voted.

The meeting was adjourned at 3:10 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted,

Betsey Doane
Secretary