

MINUTES MATYCONN

Meeting of April 17, 2009

The meeting was called to order at 2:15 p.m. by President Mark Leach.

There was a moment of silence for Phil Glynn. Steve Krevisky remembered Phil who was a past president of MATYCONN and very active since its beginning. Phil was from NVCC.

Steve made a motion to approve the Minutes with one correction: Under Math Issues /Math Basic Skills, it should read "Feedback is being prepared for Doctor Susen, Chancellor." There was a simple typographical error. The motion was seconded by Elaine Dinto. The motion was accepted.

Treasurer's Report.

Elaine reported in the absence of Deborah Litwinko. There are a couple of typographical errors in the report: Under expenditures, the first check is #143, the third is #144, not two instances of #145.

Elaine reported that Deb wants to know if we should leave the CD as is or do something else with it. The consensus was to roll over the CD. Steve made a motion to approve the treasurer's report seconded by Miguel Garcia. Andre Freeman moved that we roll over the CD; motion seconded by Steve.

Newsletter Report.

Andre distributed the newsletters. He thanked all the contributors. There are three AMATYC conferences coming up: Cape Cod, Colorado and Wyoming. He is looking forward to additional contributions for future newsletters. Everyone was pleased to receive their copy.

Andre thanked Liz Raver for her essay in the newsletter.

Membership.

Jana Sime reported that in Fall 2008 there were 76 active members; in Spring 2009 we have 67 members. Inez Everest is the only life member. Retirees and students can pay \$5 for one year, \$9 for two years. Retirees can purchase a lifetime membership for \$25.

Campus Contacts.

Andre – Capitol; Mark Leach – Housatonic; Harry Burt – Naugatuck; Joe Karnowski – Norwalk; Larisa Alikhanova – Three Rivers; Sue Ricciuti – Tunxis; Rachel Schettenhelm – Gateway. We need a campus contact for Northwestern CC who is a dues paying member. We welcomed two new members: Rosemary Tyrrell from Capital CC and Ricardo Martinez from Three Rivers.

Nominating Committee

Sue Ricciuti reported that everyone will continue in their current positions. Candidates: Andre Freeman – President; Teresa Foley – Vice President; Janet Zupkus – Secretary; Deborah Litwinko – Treasurer; Jana Sime – Membership Chair; Steve Krevisky and Sandra Pettinico – Contest Coordinators; Larisa Alikhanova – Scholarship Chair; Elaine Dinto – Webmaster; Mark – Immediate Past President. Betsey moved that the slate be accepted as presented, seconded by Rosemary. The slate was unanimously elected.

Mark thanked the Executive Board for the help he has been given. He thanked Rachel for doing a fantastic job hosting the last meeting at Gateway.

Andre took over the meeting at 2:40. He wants to look over the bylaws to see that it accurately reflects where we're going as an organization.

Website.

Elaine asked for help on two projects:

- Compile a history of MATYCONN
- Assistance finding good mathematics resources for teachers to add to the website.

Betsey, Steve, and Linda Musco offered to help put some history notes together about the organization. They plan to meet with Elaine this summer. Everyone agreed to look for good teaching resources and get them to Elaine for inclusion on our site.

Math Contest.

Steve reported on the contest: Eight campuses reported that they participated in the contest. He thanked Sandy for her help. There were two perfect papers: one from Manchester, a repeat winner from last year and another perfect score was from Middlesex, one of Steve's students. Two people were third from Gateway. Honorable mention should be considered for two people who tied for fifth place from Manchester. The question then was how to distribute the money? Each participating campus contributes \$50 so there was \$400 contributed toward this effort. Jana pointed out that scholarships are also planned and this year, there are several who have applied. There was considerable discussion about what our priorities should be and about the financial health of the organization. Miguel suggested that either an ad hoc committee be established or the Board should review the financial status of MATYCONN and report to the membership at the Fall meeting. Everyone agreed. There were suggestions about possible sources for funding of the \$50 contribution. The college foundations were among the suggestions. Miguel suggested that perhaps recognition by the Chancellor might serve as an award to the winners.

After considerable discussion, Kathy Bavelas made a motion to give the first two top prizes \$150 each and the two second place winners \$75. The motion was seconded by Sandy and the motion carried with one abstention.

Affiliate News.

Steve reported that the Amatyc conference will be held in Las Vegas in November. NYSMATIC is being held this weekend and NEMATYC is slated for next weekend. Steve is running for AMATYC Secretary!

Math Issues.

Miguel reported that the committee completed work on objectives for Intermediate Algebra. All were encouraged to come to the Math Issues meetings and be informed about current issues.

The meeting was adjourned at 3:10.

Respectfully Submitted,

Betsey Doane