

Fall 2009 MATYCONN Meeting
October 23, 2009
Tunxis Community College

The meeting was called to order at 2:01 p.m. by President Andre Freeman. Andre welcomed the attendees and thanked Sue Ricciuti for hosting the meeting. A new member, Phil Ross, from Three Rivers Community College was introduced.

Approval of Meeting Minutes

The misspelling of Phil Glynn's name will be corrected on the minutes. E. Dinto made a motion to approve the minutes, S. Krevisky seconded. The minutes were unanimously approved.

Treasurer's Report

The Treasurer's report, updated as of Sept 30th, was distributed. Two scholarship winners did not cash their checks. Campus contacts will follow up with winners from Tunxis and Gateway. S Krevisky motioned to approve minutes, Ricardo Martinez seconded. The treasurer's report was unanimously approved.

Newsletter Report

The newsletter will be published in Spring 2010. Please submit any items of interest, including articles and photos to Andre Freeman.

Membership Report

J Sime reported seventy one members renewed to date, not including 19 members whose renewals are due in September 2009. S Krevisky motioned to approve the membership report, T. Foley seconded the motion. The membership report was unanimously accepted.

Scholarship Committee Report

L. Alikhanova stated that there were four scholarship applicants last year and three winners each received \$150. Larisa proposed increasing the scholarship amount to \$350 to cover the cost of one course, to be awarded to one or more candidates depending on funding. J. Sime stated it would be good to publicize the scholarship amount. J. Zupkus stated that some students are unwilling to apply for small amounts. K. Rosen inquired as to the objectives of the scholarship, is it greater participation or recognition of outstanding scholarship? R. Schettenhelm suggested including a line for scholarship donation of \$10 on every conference registration meeting flyer. A ten dollar donation from every member would yield \$710. J. Sime stated that the membership form has a separate line for scholarship donation. It was agreed that the conference registration form will include a request for scholarship donation. K. Rosen volunteered to work on a scholarship funding committee. S. Pettinico made a motion for Matyconn to fund the scholarship at \$700 for this year to be awarded to two students. H.

Burt seconded the motion. The motion was approved unanimously. The scholarship applications are due February 28th.

Website Report

Andre Freeman accessed the MATYCONN website for the attendees to view. E. Dinto stated the content of the website includes newsletters, minutes, membership reports, resources, conferences, Accuplacer review links and scholarship details. Previous math contest questions are on the website included in the newsletter category.

Math Contest Report

S. Krevisky and S. Pettinico are the math contest co-coordinators. S. Krevisky announced this year is the contest's twentieth year. Steve requested the membership to send problems to him or Sandy. The contest level is at Intermediate Algebra and includes 20 questions with a two hour time limit. Each campus awards prizes and system wide prizes are given from a \$50 contribution from each participating campus. Steve encouraged members to recruit students. S. Pettinico proposed April 14-17, 2010 as dates for the contest, with each campus selecting specific dates within that timeframe. Steve moved to approve those dates, Sandy seconded the motion. Participation varies from year to year. Middlesex CC has 25 -30 students participate. Most of the other colleges have between 10 – 12 participants.

AMATYC Updates

Jane Tanner, AMATYC NE regional president, gave information on the AMATYC annual conference to be held this year in Las Vegas. Next year the conference will be held in Boston. Jane stated that NEMATYC needs help with planning for Boston conference and anyone interested should forward their names to Steve Krevisky. NEMATYC spring meeting will be held, April 9-10, in Wellsley MA. S. Krevisky proposed a Northeast affiliate meeting.

Project Access

T. Foley, is a participant in AMATYC Project Access which is for new faculty for professional development. She explained the details of the program. The sixth cohort of twenty four members will be selected this year. The deadline to apply is May 2010. Faculty in their first, second or third years can apply. The program is a two year commitment. Participants attend AMATYC conferences and special workshops during the conference. Participants also implement something from conferences and present their results.

Math Issues/MBSCC updates

T. Foley reported on Math Issues committee work. The committee meet once a month. Last year the committee focused on outcomes for Intermediate Algebra. This year the committee is focusing on Accuplacer practices.

T. Foley also reported on Math Basic Skills committee. The committee includes participants from the community colleges , the state universities and UCONN. The committee has been discussing transfer credits, common course standards , and national standards.

CT Academy Algebra I Model Curriculum

Andre Freeman, T. Foley, J. Decker, K. Bavelas, and P. Edelen worked on this curriculum. K. Bavelas expressed concern that the curriculum could be forgotten. The curriculum includes sample lesson plans, assessments and exercises. The curriculum is currently not published until approved by the State Department of Education. If accepted the curriculum could be piloted at the middle or high school level. L. Alikhanova identified that the curriculum would impact the community college Math 95 curriculum.

Plans for Spring 2010 Meeting

L. Alikhanova volunteered to host the Spring meeting at Three Rivers CC , on Friday, April 23rd. Members should send suggestions for speakers to a member of the Executive Board. Steve Krevisky made a motion to accept the date of April 23rd and location of Three Rivers. K. Bavelas seconded the motion. The motion was unanimously accepted.

New Business

Miguel Garcia, GCC, was injured in a fall at a Math Basic Skills meeting. A card was circulated to sign. MATYCONN will be sending Miguel a gift of chocolates.

It was announced that the nominating committee needs to convene prior to Spring meeting. S. Ricciuti and R. Urbina- Lilback agreed to participate on the committee. S. Krevisky reviewed the role of the nominating committee. Executive board members are voted on at the Spring meeting.

Andre Freeman inquired about ideas for recognition of recent retirees. The newsletter will recognize retirees and Andre requested that colleagues of the retiree send in summaries of their contributions to be included also. S.Krevisky proposed recognizing retirees at the Spring meeting with a reception.

Sue Ricciuti surveyed attendees about use of calculators in PreAlgebra. Most colleges allow calculators, but it is usually a matter of instructor preference. Instructors at Quinnebaug CC do not use calculators in their PreAlgebra classes.

H. Burt announced a differential equations course will be offered in the Spring at NVCC.

S. Krevisky made a motion to adjourn, R. Urbina-Lilback seconded the motion. The meeting was adjourned at 3:23 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Janet Zupkus, Secretary