

## **Spring 2012 MATYCONN**

### **Business Meeting**

Location: Housatonic Community College

Friday April 27<sup>th</sup>, 2012

The meeting was called to order at 2:10 pm.

#### **1) Welcome & Greetings**

Teresa Foley, MATYCONN president, welcomed everyone.

#### **2) Approval of Minutes of Fall 2012 Business Meeting**

The minutes were reviewed. There were no requests for corrections to the draft. Rachael Schettenhelm made a motion to approve the minutes and Steve Krevisky seconded the motion. The minutes were unanimously approved.

#### **3) Treasurer's Report**

Kegan Samuel provided copies of the treasurer's report and discussed expenditures. The report reflects regular expenses, scholarships and math contest. Kegan stated that we have about \$ 400 less but that after everyone has paid their dues, it should balance out.

Miguel Garcia made the suggestion that everyone paying on the day of the meeting should pay a little more. Rachael Schettenhelm asked what percent of attendees already contribute a little extra toward the MATYCONN scholarship and the response was 80%.

Steve Krevisky made a motion to approve the report. Betsy Doane seconded the motion. The report was unanimously approved.

#### **4) AMATYC/NEMATYC Report**

Jane Tanner, Northeast Regional Vice-President of AMATYC, said that it was a pleasure to be back twice a year. She announced the AMATYC Conference scheduled for November 8<sup>th</sup> – 11<sup>th</sup> in Florida. Two delegates from the affiliated associations are needed for representation. Teresa Foley is one by default.

Jane reminded everyone about the scholarship to attend AMATYC. They will offer the opportunity again. Only requirement is that it is not done more than once and it is also preferred that the selected person is a first time attendee. Teresa Foley asked if there was anyone interested in going this year and that has not attended the AMATYC conference before. People were asked to contact Teresa to follow up if interested.

Jane also talked about Project ACCESS. Anyone in their first three years teaching in a two year college is eligible. It is a wonderful networking opportunity and the deadline for application is May 1<sup>st</sup> 2012. She encouraged everyone to access more information in the AMATYC website ([www.amatyc.org](http://www.amatyc.org)). Teresa Foley is a graduate of the program.

The AMATYC webinars are open for everyone. They are wonderful, and all other ones have been recorded. Many of the conferences have also been recorded. You can see content from the conference in Austin last year. This includes handouts and PowerPoint presentations. There are resources anyone can use in their classroom.

Jane Tanner is beginning her third term and cannot run again as northeast vice-president. She asked anyone interested in running for Northeast Vice President to please let her know.

Steve Krevisky shared that he had a chance to go the NEMATYC conference. André Freeman made a presentation on Statway and Steve did one on the Fibonacci Win Point system in baseball. Steve said that it was a good meeting. He chairs a subcommittee on international math education. He will be going to the next International Conference on Mathematics Education (ICME) in South Korea in July 2012. He received a small grant to cover the registration.

### **5) Math Contest Report**

Steve Krevisky described the contest. It took place from April 11<sup>th</sup> – 14<sup>th</sup>, 2012. Steve thanked those that sent various problems. Sandy and Steve have been co-chairs of the event. A total of seven campuses participated. He needs contacts from Quinebaug CC and Northwestern CC. Steve said that they are in need of a couple of challenging questions for next year and he thanked everyone for their participation.

Additional discussion took place regarding the prize money allocation. In 2011 the prizes were: \$200 (first prize), \$100 (second prize), \$50 (for each of the two third prize winners). A total amount of \$400 was allocated in 2011. This year there were three first prize winners. André Freeman suggested that the top three winners receive \$150 each. Sandy Pettinico and Rachel Schettenhelm followed up asking about the proper amount for the second and third places. Sandy Pettinico explained that a total of \$350 were originally collected from all seven participating colleges and that the contest will need to get more funding because the top three winners would already be requiring \$450. A final suggestion was made to award \$150 (for each of the three first places), \$100 (for second place) and \$50 (for the third place). This would require a total of \$600 to cover the 2012 contest prize allocation.

Kegan Samuel said that he needs the \$50 from all of the schools and that up to this point he has only received from 3 schools.

Steve Krevisky reminded everyone that certificates would be used this time instead of plaques.

The prize money allocation of \$600 was voted on and unanimously approved.

### **6) Math Scholarship Report**

Larisa Alikhanova announced the names of the scholarship winners. The scholarship winners were: Nicholas Vecchitto from Middlesex CC and Freitag YanYan from Manchester CC. Additional discussion followed about the scholarship amount that should be allocated. A suggestion was made for \$400 for Nicholas and \$200 for Freitag. Kegan Samuel confirmed that there is enough money. Last year's scholarship awards were \$300.00. André Freeman suggested an even split of \$250 for each recipient.

Larisa Alikhanova contended that Nicholas V. had much higher scores and asked that Nicholas is granted more money. Teresa Foley motioned to grant \$300 to Nicholas Vecchitto and \$200 to Freitag YanYan. Rachel Schettenhelm seconded the motion.

The scholarship amount of \$500 was unanimously approved.

### **7) Newsletter Update**

André Freeman announced that the newsletter should be completed by next week.

### **8) Membership Report**

Elaine Dinto gave the membership report on behalf of Jana Sime. As part of the report, Elaine stated that the current membership as of the beginning of March is 62. There was a discrepancy pointed out about the Norwalk CC membership. There are 7 life members. Nine people did not renew of those whose memberships were due for renewal last September. The active membership has gone from 60 to a high from 76.

Elaine asked that Steve Krevisky and Sandy Pettinico email her the names of the contest winners. Steve generates the names and Jana sends the certificates. Elaine confirmed the names of the representatives from each college. She did not have a representative name for Northwestern CC or Norwalk CC. Elizabeth Glatt volunteered to be the representative from Norwalk CC.

### **9) Website Update**

Elaine Dinto informed everyone that membership information has been updated on the website; please check for accuracy. She is in the process of updating information about the Math Issues. Elaine wants to thank MATYCONN for allowing Math Issues to use their space as a vehicle to communicate recent system-wide initiatives.

She has contacted the representatives from each school from the Math Issues Committee to continue updating information on courses.

### **10) Nominating Committee Report and Election**

Sue Ricciuti reported that everyone in the executive board wanted to continue in their position. In addition, no one else communicated any interest in being considered for board positions. She read the candidate slate.

The ballot with the candidate slate was unanimously approved to be sent to the secretary.

## **11) Math Issues**

Pat Hirschy announced that the Math Issues Committee is very active. Each community college has a committee representative and shared the goals that the Committee has recently discussed. These are now showing on the MATYCONN website. She briefly summarized efforts in response to SB-40.

This was followed by an SB-40 update with a Question and Answer session facilitated by Pat Hirschy, Rachel Schettenhelm and Teresa Foley.

The original proposal has been widely amended to address the fact that alternative measures of placement **must be considered**. Rachel and Teresa will be going to Hartford to create awareness of the many developmental initiatives at the individual campuses. They will be advocating for support with what is being done now at the campuses. Rachel still believes that is worth contacting our representatives and encouraged everyone to do so. Teresa urged that everyone send her via email current strategies and initiatives they have recently implemented at their campuses. She would like to bring that with them to the discussions in Hartford and ask for support to evaluate their effectiveness. A listing of all representatives, sent as an email communication by Jana Sime, was distributed.

## **12) Plans for Fall 2012 Meeting**

The date selected was Friday October 26<sup>th</sup> 2012. The meeting will be held at Middlesex Community College in Middletown.

## **13) Other Business: MATYCONN Constitution Update**

A hard copy of the modifications was distributed with proposed changes in red font. The discussion on modifications was tabled for the Fall meeting in lieu of time constraints. An electronic copy will be available on the website for people to review.

Steve Krevisky shared a poem to close the meeting.

Rachel Schettenhelm motioned to close the meeting. The motion was seconded by Marian Zerbi.

The meeting adjourned at 3:16 pm.

### **Respectfully Submitted by:**

Ruth Urbina-Lilback, Secretary