

Fall 2012 MATYCONN

Business Meeting

Location: Middlesex Community College

Friday November 30th, 2012

The meeting was called to order at 2:05 pm.

1. Welcome & Greetings –

Teresa Foley, MATYCONN president, welcomed everyone.

Steve Krevisky welcomed everyone to Middlesex Community College.

2. Approval of Minutes from Spring 2012 Business Meeting

The minutes were reviewed. A correction was presented by Jana Sime on the second paragraph of page three. The paragraph should state that: "Jana makes the certificates, Steve signs them and Kegan mails them." Steve Krevisky made a motion to approve the minutes. Elaine Dinto seconded the motion. The minutes were unanimously approved.

3. Treasurer's Report

Kegan Samuel provided copies of the treasurer's report and discussed expenditures. He made a special request regarding the Math Contest. He asked that the addresses of the students be obtained ahead of time so that it is readily available for mailing the check. He had already spoken to Sandy Pettinico and she will in turn speak with Steve Krevisky about it. Rachael Schettenhelm made a motion to approve the minutes and Steve Krevisky seconded the motion. The report was unanimously approved.

4. Membership Report

Jana Sime indicated there is a lag in the MATYCONN membership numbers since she will not know the result of renewals until after the meeting when Kegan Samuel gives her the renewals he received as treasurer for the fall. As of September 2012 there were 72 members considered active; 28 of these individuals were due to renew in September. Jana announced there are two new MATYCONN college contacts. Karen Collins is the new contact for Northwestern Community College and Ellie Glatt is the new contact for Norwalk Community College.

5. AMATYC/NEMATYC Report

Teresa Foley gave the report and confirmed that Jane Tanner could not run again as Northeast Regional Vice-President of AMATYC. Teresa announced that AMATYC elections will take place in the beginning of Spring and showed the positions that are open for these elections. She also described Project Access. Eligible applicants are full time faculty in their first three years of teaching. The elected individual gets to attend the AMATYC conference for two years. This assignment provides opportunities for considerable outreach and professional development. The application process starts in March with a final due date of May 1st. Teresa said that she will send an email to remind people.

Rachael Schettenhelm announced that the next AMATYC conference will be in Anaheim California and advised that it may require planning ahead of time. Steve Krevisky notified everyone that February 1st is also the deadline to send a proposal to present at the conference and offered to help anyone interested in doing so. He also said that he keeps in contact with Jane Tanner. He announced that he will be nominating himself for the Regional Vice-President position and that he would like support. He informed attendees that he has circulated around a handout on the International Conference.

6. Math Contest Report

Steve Krevisky gave the report on behalf of himself and his co-coordinator, Sandy Pettinico. He informed the group that he needs an updated list of the campus contacts for the contest. He described the contest, entailing 20 non-routine questions requiring Mathematics background up through Intermediate Algebra. He urged everyone to send him questions so that he can start compiling a list. He also asked campuses to start recruiting participants. Participating campuses are asked to send in twenty five dollars to help cover the cost of materials and prizes. The selected calendar dates are: Wednesday April 10th – Saturday April 15th, 2013¹. He expressed that he hopes more campuses and more students will participate.

7. Math Scholarship Report

Larisa Alikhanova stated that she typically sends out information on the scholarship criteria at the beginning of the semester. She asked everyone to encourage application.

8. Newsletter Update

André Freeman announced that there is a new edition of the MATYCONN Newsletter. He stated that he will be sending an electronic copy to Elaine Dinto so that she can upload it to the website. He also said that he would be happy to mail copies if requested. He thanked everyone for sending him material, especially Steve Krevisky, a steady contributor. André stated that he enjoys putting together the newsletter and that he would like to receive more material.

9. Math Issues (MI)

Teresa Foley gave the report. She announced that the committee continues to work on: the review of common course numbering, discussions on the Transfer and Articulation Policy (TAP), discussions on best practices, course re-design and assessment and PA 12-40. Rachael Schettenhelm announced that the committee meets one Friday per month at Tunxis Community College at 11 am and that each campus has a representative. Teresa stressed that everyone is welcome to attend the meetings. She showed everyone the place in the MATYCONN site that houses MI information and explained that this is a good source for everyone to access.

¹ This footnote is added to reflect Contest date changes made on 12/21/13 after this meeting took place. In order to accommodate new Spring 2013 meeting dates, the Contest dates were changed to March 27th – 30th, 2013. An email notification was sent announcing the new date and asking Campus Contacts to send the Math Campus Contest Co-Chairs their results as soon as possible. The results need to be processed before the Spring meeting on April 5th, 2013. Prize allocations will be voted on at the Spring meeting.

10. Website Update

Elaine Dinto welcomed anyone to kindly send her an email if there was anything that they would like to see posted. She is particularly interested in information on the history of MATYCONN. She urged anyone who knows a founding member to possibly interview him/her. She stated that she is not particularly concerned about the format in which the information is sent to her as she would be happy to edit as necessary. She mentioned the names of some of the members: Linda, Alice, Elizabeth, Steve and Roger. She also explained that the account can be done informally and that what is important is that we do not lose the opportunity to gather this information.

11. Formation of Nominating Committee

Teresa Foley announced that this year both positions of President and Vice-President will be open. She explained that the Nominating Committee members cannot run for any position. Steve Krevisky also added that the work of this committee is important for the continuity of the process. This year's Nominating Committee will be composed of Sue Ricciuti from Tunxis Community College and Kathleen Herron from Capital Community College.

12. Plans for Spring 2013 Meeting

Teresa Foley offered to hold the meeting at Asnuntuck Community College in Enfield. A discussion took place about possible dates. The selected date was April 26th, 2013².

13. Other Business –

Teresa Foley presented the proposed amendments to the MATYCONN Constitution. A copy of these amendments was provided as a handout in the Spring meeting. Due to time limitations, it was decided to ask everyone to review them after the Spring meeting and postpone discussions and voting for the Fall meeting. A copy of the document was also emailed to the membership and was posted on the website. Additional discussion took place with a final agreement on best wording to describe lifetime membership stipulations. This includes the addition of an age requirement of 65 or retirement from teaching in any college. André Freeman motioned to accept the minutes. Steve Krevisky seconded the motion. The motion passed with one abstention.

Rachael Schettenhelm informed that Miguel Garcia injured himself this past summer in Puerto Rico. She brought in a card and offered to keep it at the registration table during the break for anyone that wants to sign it.

The meeting adjourned at 3:06 pm.

Respectfully Submitted by:

Ruth Urbina-Lilback, Secretary

² This date was changed to April 5th, 2013 after this meeting took place because of event conflicts at the hosting institution. The meeting will continue to be held at Asnuntuck Community College.