

MINUTES
WCTE Summer Board Meetings
Executive Board Meeting
The Pyle Center
Friday, July 20, 2007

Members Present: Trista Dauk, JoAnne Katzmarek, John Zbikowski, Marti Matyska, Kathy Nelson, Tom Scott, Donna Pasternak, Erin Olkowski, Dianne Graf, Lynn Aprill, Emily Ihrke, Scott Oates, Gerhard Fischer, Penny Parsons, Jacki Martindale

John opened the meeting at 9:16 with thank yous to all for attendance and Marti for bringing the treats. He referred to the agenda beginning with a revisit of goals and a welcome to Emilie, new DPI consultant, to our board.

9:20 ICE-BREAKER

Marti—*Water for Elephants*

Donna—*Mrs. Kimball*

Tom—*Inventing English, Mum, Alzheimer's, and Me*

Gerhard—*Do I Speak American* and *The Russian Disco*

Kathy—*Ten Thousand Splendid Suns* and *The Heart-Shaped Box*

Emilie—*The Other Side of the River*

Emily—*Jubilee, Native Guard* by Tretheway

Erin—*Ten Thousand Splendid Suns* and *Animal Vegetable Miracle*

Scott—*Kite Runner* and *God Is Not Great, A Tale of Despero*

Diane—*Godless* and *Brutal Imagination*

Trista—*Children's Lit* and *Tough Boris* (A perfect book for Sophomore Boys)

Joanne—*Monroe's Run Away* and *The View from Castle Rock* and, *Snow*

Lynn—East Asian Lit class and awaiting new Harry Potter book

Penny—*The Amazing Adventures of Cavalier and Clay* and *Sweet Francis*

John—*The Man in the Gray Flannel Suit* and *Bless Me, Ultima*

Jacki—*Water for Elephants* and *Happiness* and *Glooming Tower* and *The Road*

10:05—GOAL REVIEW

Become the “go-to” organization

Grow the organization

John asked for reflection, and Emily mentioned the name change.

Next, discussion centered on the state of the union of Wisconsin English Education including Task force/Design Team for State Standard (P21) partnership for national diploma project. Tom Scott and Erin Olkowski explained that graduation standards include preparation for success in 21st century with greater focus on:

- Non-fiction emphasis
- Collaboration
- Visual literacy
- Thinking/logic
- Application/project based.

Erin shared the task forces four literacies: health, civic, cultural., financial. Gerhard referred to our poor grades from the Fordham Foundation Report facilitating political concern. He reported the American Diploma (ADP) Standards are very prescriptive/specific. Power Standards are now history. He suggested we see P21 web site, The Partnership for 21st Century Skills – P21 Framework @ [http://www.21st &ID=272&p](http://www.21st&ID=272&p). . . for the extent of this movement and supporting financial backers. Writing initiative will be part of new changes. Tom hopes that draft of task force suggestions could go to other organizations such as WCTE for input. We suggested inclusion via establishment of Blog, September Update, and web site links. He suggested we continue our involvement in PI-34. Emilie shared WSRA's PDP tri-fold pamphlet. Lynn prepared Power-Point session for promoting WCTE services and PDP assistance. Board agreed to expand this to other English teaching methods' pre-service teachers, Milwaukee Alliance meeting, cooperating teachers, and to our own English departments.

At 11:00 recessed for break. John reconvened the group for the business meeting at 11:24.

MINUTES: Scott moved and Penny seconded the minutes from the Feb. board meeting. Jacki asked who Chris Kutz was. John expressed relief at staying out of the red for the convention. Scott asked for dates for the fall convention. Scott and Penny moved to accept minutes.

TREASURER: Scott presented old treasurer report explaining the change in university software affecting his current report. He suggested that treasurer and membership secretary. should be in the same geographic area. John was suggested as a possible successor to Scott. Add replacement to next agenda.

DISTRICTS: Lynn gave report of District chairs and elections. Get Lynn nominations for ballot by August.

MEMBERSHIP: John distributed membership report and update of recent renewal mailing. Ideas for increasing membership were discussed.

PUBLICATION/WEB SITE: JoAnne was complimented on spring journal. Fall issue may not be ready by Nov. 9th –now may be follow-up to convention. Topic will be Writing, same as conference and articles may still be accepted until August 20th. Suggestion made to minimally publicize it at convention. Discussed themes for next spring.

LUNCH: ADJOURNED AT 12:12 TO RECONVENE AT 12:45. John reconvened the meeting at 12:54.

UPDATE: Trista announced *Update* Deadline Sept. 1. John asked Joanne to have Convention Preview to Marti first and then to him by August 1st. Her email is jdauk@msn.com. Awards inclusion was discussed. Erin and JoAnne will send info to Trista their info.

WEBSITE: John distributed report; and Tom and Emily moved and board voted to change website domain to WCTEOnline.org. John will prepare proposal to set up new addresses and blog for next time.

INTELLECTUAL FREEDOM: John contacted possible candidate without luck and requested suggestions. Emily will contact a friend and forward to John.

CEL: 4:00 High Tea w/ Frank McCourt and other big names will be there for Mapping Our Literacies. Nov 18-20.

LIASON:

WCA--Kathy reported that WCA convention was cancelled during the Blizzard of 2007; and she offered the olive branch of sharing our convention site.

DPI--Emilie welcomed our input and asked for help with the Adolescent Literacy Task Force to build a better workforce, digitally competency, etc.—concern that ELA teachers might not be adequately represented on this Task Force, whereas Reading Specialists are abundant. She and Jackie, her DPI Reading, are working to improve the web site. She wants to protect the integrity of middle and high school English curriculum.

The board then engaged in a discussion on the definition of and developing a condensed statement on Adolescent Literacy. John will initiate a one-page draft to circulate for director's input before the next task force meeting.

DIRECTOR AT LARGE: Lynn shared her presentation materials she developed and is willing to share both online; and if they contact her, she will copy her packet of materials. She will also give John copies of the brochure and revised mission statement for website.

SECOND VP: Friday, Oct. 10, 2008, Yom Kippur is a conflict so Marti and Emily will look into a change of date to WEAC. And we will make it a policy that we will not schedule conventions on this in the future. Tom and Scott seconded an motion to attend to religious holidays when scheduling future conventions. Board members suggested speakers. Trista offered Lynn, Marti and her help for 50th anniversary special aspects.

FIRST VP: JoAnne distributed her report and asked for more breakout proposals.

PRESIDENT: John reported his efforts his efforts to increase membership.

OLD BUSINESS:

POETRY OUT LOUD: Jacki announced Oct. 6th workshop, with twenty \$100 stipends to those first to enroll. She's expanding to statewide competition this year. Her email address: Eluman8@charter.net.

NEW BUSINESS: Next Meetings: Thursday, Nov 8th 6pm/ Feb 16 or 23. John will investigate and compile a calendar. Considered Milwaukee for Nov 2009 Conference. Marti moved, Tom seconded motion to adjourn and John meeting adjourned at 2:50.