

NCTE Summer Board Meeting

Madison Pyle Center

June 18, 2008

Respectfully Submitted by Kathy Nelson

Members Present: JoAnne Katzmarek, Penny Parsons, Scott Oates, Carol Conway-Gerhardt, Emily Tymus Ihrke, Tom Scott, Donna Pasternak, Karen S. Kelley, Erin Olkowski, Emilie Amundson, Lynn Aprill, John Zbikowski, Barbara Dixson, Jackie Martindale

President JoAnne Katzmarek convened the meeting at 8:55 w/members collecting handouts of various reports. Members introduced themselves sharing book selections. Minutes were approved as ammended.

Treasurer's Report: Tom distributed his treasurer's report adding his uncertainty as to the accuracy of our membership roll. (His records include a number of lapsed members). He'd prepared a merge mail letter to update our records. He also noted communications problem that will be revisited later in the agenda.

We discussed the rolling over of our CD. Karen moved and Greg seconded that we approve the treasurer's report and that we seek to maintain a larger sum in savings rather than in checking -- granting our treasurer discretion in doing so. After further discussion, Tom moved and Emily Ihrke seconded that we form an ad hoc committee for long-range planning. Tom will chair with Donna, Scott, John, Emily, Emilie and Greg serving as committee members. Suggested initial meeting date: August 22 to accommodate Scott's availability.

NCTE Affiliates Meeting Report: Donna, Emily and Kathy reported on the NCTE Affiliates' Leadership Conference. Discussion centered on ways to increase membership/committee involvement including an interest card check-off. Discussion led back to our mission statement and strategic plans.

Break from 10:45-10:50.

Joanne adjusted the meeting's agenda. Tom agreed to chair the previously formed ad hoc committee. By consensus it was determined that our committees need to be more than committees of one.

WCEE committee report: Barbara Dixon reported she's now heading a true committee after Emilie shared a list of potential members for her. She's planning a specialized session during the convention in lieu of a preconvention meeting. First year and outstanding student teacher awards will receive WCTE membership, our journal, a room, and lunch at convention. All nominees will get membership and our journal. We received no nominees for our high school teacher of excellence award. A member will give a PDP session for new teachers every year. She's still looking for someone to do a Blog.

Emily next gave her archivist report. She shared that this is our 50th Anniversary and is preparing a display. She asked if UW-M could add her 7 box-collection of archive materials to the UW-M's historical collection of 10 boxes. Tom moved and Penny seconded that Emily offer the boxes to UW-M after reducing significant materials to a more manageable amount to be retained by the archivist, along with a list of what to retain. Motion carried.

1st VP Report: After thanking her ad hoc committee, Emily next reported on her '08 convention. She shared she has 36 sectionals to date. Strands are still rough at this point. Paula Wolfe on graphic novels or sequential art was recommended as a possible session. She shared her 8-page convention invitation, which is already on the web page and will be mailed on Monday. She pointed out that the conference will be co-sponsored w/ DPI and she's added a wine and chocolate 50th anniversary celebration the evening before. She's arranged a nine-dollar, round-table lunch with a hope of establishing/strengthening relationships. She secured special rates for the Lowell Center and Campus Inn.

Emilie asked if board members got the K-12 list-serve mailing she sent this week. JoAnne suggested w/the 55-minute time restraints for the pre-convention board meeting, that she get the committee reports and she will email them along with the secretary/treasurer's reports for board members to review prior to attending the preconvention meeting. Emily discussed a change in honoring the awards winners at the convention.

2nd VP Report: Donna announced her theme: "English ~ For a Change" for her October 23, 2009 convention sharing the deal she cut with the Milwaukee Hyatt Regency. Because of restrictions, she will only have one, maybe two, key note speakers. Linda Christianson will present the key note address and a breakout session. She will be looking for a creative artist. We've guaranteed 40 rooms @ \$139. She's worked a better deal on meal expenses. More discussion on need for diversity and the Milwaukee location may help.

JoAnne broke for lunch at 12:25 to reconvene at 1:25. She reconvened at 1:33 .

Districts Director's report : Joanne spoke of recruiting all the District Reps with John coordinating the election. John moved and Carol seconded that we suspend the bi-laws to vote for district representatives one week later. Motion passed.

President's Report: JoAnne proposed using committees to re-build our organization. Publications discussion followed with concern for the *English Journal*. There had been no spring publication and no word from Ruth Wood. Donna suggested that The Milwaukee Writing Project had materials eagerly awaiting publishing. Discussion also centered upon our need for a 50th anniversary journal with conference presenters asked to contribute. Presenters need to be encouraged to post their PowerPoints and/or handouts on our webpage. Next clarification of Carol's and her replacement's role regarding WCTE's Awards was sought. Carol assured us that she would be continuing her role with regards to awards despite her change in jobs. She reviewed awards and criteria. Carol, Barbara, JoAnne, Erin, and Kathy. Kathy will then send it back to Barbara to prepare for action before the Pre Convention Board Meeting. Tom Scott was

nominated for the Chisolm award. Tom Pamerin expressed interest in coordinating the Promising Young Writers.

Director at Large Report: John needs candidates for 2nd Vice President. He will draft an amendment to the constitution to address the issue of the cycle for requirements to assure Presidents from different levels--elementary, secondary, and higher education.

DPI Report: Emilie offered her service of bundling emailings for distribution in her "blasts." She is looking for two English teachers to review lessons for alignment to the state standards for about 4-5 hours. Lynn and Kathy volunteered. She distributed an advanced preview of a draft for Executive Summary: The State Superintendent's Adolescent Literacy Plan. The Literacies for the 21st Century definition came from NCTE. She also explained the Response to Intervention, an important concept for us to know. She's looking for a WCTE board member to work on a WKCE writing assessment exploratory group to meet quarterly beginning on August 18th. She's planning 2-day workshops @ 4 CESA around the state this upcoming year. ELA standards review was sent to members on emails. Paul Sandrock anticipates having the final draft completed by Fall '09.

Update/Newsletter Report: Trista's questions our fall Update deadline? The week of Sept. 2nd was set to include convention info, awards, the recruitment for committee members, and a heads up on voting.

August 1st is her deadline for the fall Update.

Poetry Outloud Update: Jackie Martindale's looking for Regional Coordinators. She wrote the rest of her information on the board.

Lynn moved and Scott seconded; and JoAnne adjourned our meeting at 3:55. Many hurried off to Maxwell Street Days.