

Wisconsin Council of Teachers of English
Fall Board Meeting
Saturday, October 1, 2011 – 12:00 to 3:00 p.m.
Milwaukee, WI

Present: Karen Rigoni, Erin Schwane, Jess Gallo, John Pruitt, Lynn Aprill, Emily Tymus Ihrke, Jacki Martindale, Linda Barrington, Kathy Nelson, Jacalyn Mabon, Kathy Bay, Tom Scott, John Zbikowski

I. Regularly Scheduled Board Meeting

- a. Motion to approve the agenda: Kathy Nelson. Second: Jacki Mabon. Motion passed.
- b. Approval of July's Board Meeting Minutes. Motion: Tom Scott. Second: Linda Barrington. Motion passed.
- c. Treasurer's Report – Tom Scott
 1. We are including stamped envelopes in the membership renewal to encourage membership renewal.
- d. Membership – Tom Scott: Tom is sending out renewal notices to everyone whose membership would have expired at the fall conference.
- e. Pooley Foundation Report – Marty Wood: No update.
- f. DPI Liaison – Update on position? The job is posted on DPI website.
- g. District Directors - Jacki Martindale: No further report beyond the Annual Membership Meeting
 1. Welcome new District Directors
 2. Thank you to all who decided to return to their positions.
- h. Archivist – Emily Tymus Ihrke: It was suggested that we consider digitizing the archive. Maybe cost prohibitive. We could make it a long-term project...over 5-8 years do a box a year. The board could allocate \$500/year and methodically digitize it. Another point was made that as technology changes, digitizing might make be out-of-date. Will we always want to keep paper records? Linda Barrington suggested that we might create a WCTE Yearbook. Could we draw upon a technical college or highschool to create the digital record of WCTE and possibly a yearbook.
- i. Committee Reports (1 hour 20 minutes)
 1. WCEE – Barbara Dixon: No report.
 2. WCEL – Tom Scott: No report.
 3. Intellectual Freedom – John Pruitt: How to make the Intellectual Freedom Statement more public: Wisconsin English Journal. Could be the topic for a future journal issue. WCTE Update. John Pruitt will attend sessions around intellectual freedom at NCTE and report back.
 4. Standing Committee on Diversity – Abbie Fishman: No report.
 5. Wisconsin Authors Committee - Marti Matyska / Lynn Aprill - No report beyond Annual Membership Meeting.

6. Awards – Jacalyn Mabon: Welcome to Jacalyn Mabon for assuming this position.
7. Professional Issues – Kimberly Powers: No report.
8. Writing Contests - Erin Schwane: No report.
9. Publications
 - A. Website – John Zbikowski: Friends of Lorine Niedecker would like to partner on creating resources to teach her poetry. Emily Tymus Ihrke will take advantage of this opportunity. October 14, 2011, Wisconsin Poetry Festival celebrates all Wisconsin poets. This organization would like to do something collaboratively, but we'd need to begin planning. Larger project is to put Wisconsin Authors project online. By the spring, we should be able to pay online through PayPal.
 - B. Update – Linda Barrington needs ideas for content for next Update: Kathy Bay will be highlighted. Next update until after NCTE. Update will promote membership and WCTE District event dates, report on the 10/1/2011 event, some writing from the writing initiative, intellectual freedom award, and from the classroom (idea to use ideas from 10/1 event) Linda is looking for someone to write something about 10/8/2011 event in Green Bay, the NCTE Wisconsin social.
 - C. *WEJ* – Jess Gallo: The WCTE Writing Initiative will be included in the next *WEJ*.
10. Other
 - h. Officer Reports
 1. Director at large (Past President) – Donna Pasternak: No report.
 2. Second Vice President – Jessica Gallo: Possible locations: UW-Madison charges very little. Facilities fee will be small and have secured a faculty sponsor so that SOE will co-sponsor. 10/12-13 OR 10/19-20. 10/19-20 is Badger game, may want to stay away from that weekend. Jess is working to plan a Friday workshop and Saturday conference. Need to check for Jewish holidays and Badger football games. Location: UW-Madison SOE will be cost effective and technologically up-to-date. Problem: lack of a large group meeting space. Could hold keynote at lunch time. Theme idea: something related to WCTE's diversity initiative. Wisconsin Humanities Bureau has speakers. Fabu (Brisco Carter) might be a good addition to consider.
 3. First Vice President – Kathy Nelson: Will be requesting help with upcoming events.
 4. President – Lynn Aprill: No report.
 - i. Old Business

1. Preparation of WCTE poster for NCTE convention: WCTE will have a poster at NCTE thanks to Linda Barrington's diligence.
 2. Other: Jackie Martindale would like to see us build time for fun in our agenda.
- j. New Business
- k. For the Good of the Order
1. Everyone is invited to the October 8, 2011 event in Green Bay.
- l. Adjournment
1. Motion to adjourn: Kathy Nelson. Second: Erin Schwane. Motion passed. The meeting adjourned at 2:10 p.m.