

WCTE Board Meeting
Saturday, April 9, 2016, 9:00 am
Staybridge Suites, Middleton, Wisconsin

The meeting was called to order by President, Denise Meyer at 9:07 am.

1. *Welcome and Introductions - Members shared what they're reading. Denise Meyer, Tim Allison, Shelley Moore, Justina Plemon, Lynn Frick, John Pruitt, Lynn April, John Schad, Marianne Potter, Jackie Mabon, Marti Matysak,*
 - A Little Life*
 - The Nightingale*
 - Cross My Heart Mercy*
 - Zealot*
 - Transforming School Culture - Brown Girl Dreaming*
 - UDL Private Paris*
 - Visible Learning for Teachers*
 - Me Before You After You Dark Places Student Centered Coaching by Diane Sweeney*
 - Mrs. Dalloway Soho I am Mahla*
 - Guestroom So You Won't Get Lost in the Neighborhood*
 - Vocabulary essence*
2. *The agenda was approved by consensus.*
3. *Approval of the October 15, 2015 Board of Directors Meeting. Schad/April approved.*
4. *Treasurer's Report, including Membership (Denise Meyer— for Tom Scott)*
 - 219 members Districts will not pay for the memberships (Tom's concern) Maybe we should make it part of our fee - 132 members currently - 219 with those who have expired.*
 - Discussion followed. Filed for audit.*
5. *DPI Report (Marcia Glaus)*
 - Marcia Glaus' report was presented by President Meyer. President Meyer then asked how WCTE*
 - Board members were utilizing DPI materials. Discussion followed which included John Pruitt's mention of the DPI article in the WI English Journal; the information that is available through joining Marcia Glaus' Google Plus account should be shared with English Departments; and testing results should be available shortly.*
6. *Officer Reports (quick updates)*
 - a. *President (Denise Meyer)*
 - i. *Discussion of what WCTE offers to people in the state and what are the benefits of belonging. Topics discussed were the amount of outreach John Pruitt did during his term of office; each district director has a budget for outreach but when events were previously planned, they were not always well attended; some organizations have gone to on-line free conventions; how should the organization use collected data; and the use of the WCTE master folder in Google Drive.*
 - b. *Vice President (Marianne Potter)*

i. *Deferred to convention report*

c. *Second Vice President (John Schad)*

i. *2017 Convention - Discussion followed covering the following topics: trying a different approach - such as a speaker at a minimal cost to the organization; what do the members want - more options , fewer options; aligning the presentations to the certificates of domain for the Teacher Effectiveness; engaging new teachers; and CTE possibilities. Discussion will continue at the summer board meeting.*

d. *Director at Large (John Pruitt)*

i. *Update on collaboration with Writing Projects Greater UW- Milwaukee and Madison - Mark Dziedzic and Donna Pasternak*

e. *District Director Liaison (Kelly Seefeldt)*

i. *Kelly Seefeldt was unable to attend but did send a report. Topics discussed were as follows: areas we're missing such as 4-year colleges getting the buy-in to new members; possibly contacting former members who are not adjunct in many schools; utilization of private and charter schools; should convention registration include membership dues.*

f. *NCTE Affiliate Liaison Officer (Tom Scott) - No report (The meeting dates conflicted with the board meeting)*

7. *Conference planning*

Topics discussed included the following: Workshop presenters comprise a majority of the attendees; lunch must be at 1:00 pm; the board meeting will be from 4-6 on Thursday which will

allow board members to meet with attendees in a social setting at the attendees cost; deadline

for room rates is September 19, 2016 at the the Fairfield Inn; two workshops will be presented on Thursday afternoon - the National Writing Project and On-line learning options; and concerns

for ways to reach members of the Milwaukee Public Schools. Should membership dues be included with registration fees was a topic of a lengthy discussion and it was decided to discuss

this topic with Tom Scott about split member and nonmember rates and membership discounts.

8. *Committee Reports*

a. *Website (Lynn Aprill, Linda Barrington, Kelly Seefeldt, Denise Meyer)*

i. *Feedback on site - Wisconsin Literary Map site through weebly - <http://www.wisconsinlitmap.com/>*

Lynn will add the link to Wisconsin Writes.

Authors - must have lived in Wisconsin

ii. *Current site*

1. *We were hacked and the hacker was able to create a mirror site and sent out mass junk e-mail. Network Solutions shut us down. Linda Barrington has been hunting down all the information; Network Solutions has not been easy to work with? John, our prior webmaster, began working this week has to work with NS to find out.*
2. *Sandy just designed the website.*
3. *Network Solutions was not given the proper information according to John Zbikowski.*
4. *Temporary website (weebly- linked to facebook page) Can we link QuickReg - Denise will figure out by FRIDAY next week Network Solutions. Will email board by April 15th the outcome. Contact RegOnline and where it can be hosted. We can vote according via email. Denise will give herself a deadline of April 15.*

1. *deadline of April 15.*

- b. *WCEE (David Roloff) - The college English Instructor group No report*
- c. *(W)CEL (Tom Scott and Kathy Nelson) - Conference on English Leadership. This takes place after NCTE conference - Monday afternoon to Tuesday afternoon Top names - they have sections much more intimate - much cheaper. You do not need to have a leader title. The convention is Atlanta, GA.*
- d. *Intellectual Freedom (John Schad) Mount Horeb - article The school read I am Jazz to teach the group about diversity. No one has applied and try to nominate someone from Mount Horeb. John would like to get a name.*
- e. *SCOA Region 4 Report (Kathy Nelson) Standing Committee on our NCTE region. - July 8-10 in St. Louis, MO John Pruitt made a motion that once the budgeted amount is obtained from Tom Scott for this event, an electronic vote will be taken. Seconded by Tim Allison- This motion has been withdrawn. Lynn Frick moved that we take the dollar amount for SCOA and the budgeted amount for the 2015 1st VP to attend the Minneapolis Convention and combining those amounts to sending up to three people to SCOA in St. Louis in July, 2016. Seconded by Justina Passed.*
- f. *Standing Committee on Diversity (Justina Plemon) two different descriptions - combined them and would like to take out the RTI model. Consistent across the bylaws.*

“Proposed Diversity Chair Position Description. Standing Committee on Diversity Chair: The Standing Committee on Diversity chair is an appointed, unpaid position for a term of three years. The Standing Committee on Diversity chair is charged to promote and support ongoing dialogues about diversity and difference in all aspects of teaching. To carry out this general charge, the Standing Committee on Diversity chair shall form a committee which is particularly charged: to gather data about underrepresentation of people of color and other minorities in our membership including surveys of the membership that better identify the organization's level of diversity, including members' rank and institutional affiliation; to poll the membership regarding the effectiveness of WCTE in meeting the needs of our many different constituents, as defined by race, ethnicity, gender, disabilities, and sexual orientation;

to develop resources that will support our members in teaching for diverse student bodies, ~~such as a conference demonstrating culturally responsive practices as addressed in the RtI model~~, and practical resources about teaching writing in diversity-rich environments; and to propose position statements on diversity in the profession and teaching for consideration by NCTE. The Standing Committee on Diversity chair shall maintain affiliation with other NCTE/CCCC committees where possible to improve efficiency, including the Committee on Diversity, the Committee on Disability Issues and the Committee on LGBT/Q Issues.”

Justine may work with Marci’s survey. What type of demographics do you teach.

- g. Wisconsin Authors (Marti Matyska) ad hoc - basically done and needs to be taken off the agenda.*
- h. Professional Issues (Lynn Frick) No report - DPI and licensure issues - PDP (you need to pay to access it - if you are not a union member)*
- i. Awards (Jacalyn Mabon) - Jackie would like to step down; John suggested making a person in charge of everything. May 1 is the deadline. This went through the website. Discussion - Nominees do not need to be members of WCTE. Denise suggested an email blast as opposed to mailing. Tim suggested a service like mail gym so that it will not be considered a service. Bulk mail that actually pay. Get information from Denise. NCTE needs to be sent April 20.*

John Pruitt moved that Marti Matysik will nominate the affiliate website award that best meets set criteria and Lynn April for the award which is due May 1.

July 15 is the Affiliate deadline

- j. NCTE Awards for Student Literary Magazine - John proposes that Joel Jarosky will be in charge of the Student Literary Magazine. Seconded Lynn Frick.*
- k. Update (Linda Barrington)
 - i. The woman Burlington will be on*
 - ii. Denise will do a sample lesson plan using Kelly Gallagher**
- l. Wisconsin English Journal (John Pruitt) - special issue focusing on tech schools. John will contact David Freitag about changing the platform as Madison does not want to host it. Word Press will house it for \$300/year - All the articles are pdfs. Denise will use WTCS system.*
- m. WELA (Kathy Nelson)*
- n. Pooley committee (Lynn April)
 - i. Lynn is now a trust officer - The grant information was discussed. - We have this great fund to grow our organization. Funds were used for our website. She will be meeting with the group (Kathy Nelson, John Zbikowski, Linda Barrington, Tom Scott) She will get the signature pages signed.**

2. *Old Business*

- i. The bylaws- Shelly Moore, John Schad and Marianne Potter will review the bylaws and policies of the organization.
- ii. Affiliate plans for Literacy Education Advocates was tabled until the summer meeting. With possibly referring to Lynn Frick and her committee.

3. *New Business*

- a. *Next meeting will be in LaCrosse*

4. *Adjourn at 1:44 PM*