

Minutes from MERA meeting, September 2, 2009

Attending: Harvey Czerwinski, David Treder, Kathy Miller, Tovah Sheldon, Bettie Landauer-Menchik, Ernie Bauer, Mark Weinberg

Absent: Chris Schram, Laurie Smith, Bill Brown, Paul Robinson

Minutes taken by Bettie Landauer-Menchik

Meeting called to order by President Treder at 10:45.

Minutes from previous meeting were approved...

Planning for the Fall conference –

- Tovah volunteered to type up the form to formalize the SBCEUs.
- Tovah has printed copies of the brochure which will be distributed at the OEAA fall conferences. Thanks Tovah....
- Dave has spoken to Frankenmuth – 125 is the limit. The conference will be capped at 125 for attendance.
- Hospitality – the Drs. Gullen will do that again...
- No vegetarian option will be on the registration.... But Dave will ask the Bavarian Inn about vegetarian options
- Can we ask the Bavarian Inn to not put up the Christmas tree until Tuesday?
- Breakfast will be outside if the number is larger than 100.
- Projectors will be provided by board members....
- We will request internet access and broadband.
- Bettie will mail agenda to Tovah and board with timings and changes will be requested.
- Mark will upload presentations to the website after the conference.
- Copies of the brochures will be mailed out when the copy is finalized, along with the details of the program. Bettie will handle this as well as the listserv.
- Ernie will send Bettie the most current membership list....

Updates on the web:

- Mark will form a subcommittee to explore options for online registration and will report back in Nov meeting. We will also explore the option of using MIEM.
- The sentence about being able to register online should be deleted from the brochure.
- Mark is posting minutes of meetings on the website. The brochure is on the web.
- The names of board members on the web needs some revisions, i.e. Bruce Fay's email is listed for Kathy Miller.

Spring conference:

- Some suggestions: the regional data warehouses and how they are functioning; changes in AYP definitions– including stages; reports from recipients of the Regional Data Initiatives.
- It is presumed that Kathy, Bettie and Tovah would plan the spring conference. One suggestion is turnaround schools – what do we know?
- Ernie suggested we return to educational research topics.

Board meetings for 2009-2010 meetings:

- It was recommended that Board meetings alternate between live meetings and conference calls. There appeared to be consensus, but no vote was taken.
- There will be a board meeting at GISD in October.
- There discussion about holding some meetings at Kellogg Center in Lansing – more convenient for Bill, Bettie, Tovah, and Laurie.
- We will plan spring conference and calendar planning at next meeting

Meeting adjourned at 12 noon.