

MAEO
Michigan Alternative Education Organization

Board Meeting October 25, 2018

Spartan Hall of Fame

Lansing, MI

Meeting Agenda:

Present: Denise Cadwell, Rob Pawloski, Mallory Soffin, Gary Bigger, Deb Baughman, Katie Myers, Rhonda Marcum, Amanda Miller

Absent: Dave Groenenboom, Karen VanEpps, Gina Wilson, Sarah Johnson, Colleen Deaven

- I. Welcome and Roll Call

- II. President's Comments: Question for the group: What do we like best about our jobs? Katie: Those positive moments with students. Amanda: Denise: Relationships. Rhonda: Kids and their growth. Rob: Interaction with the students. Mallory: Relationships with kids. Gary: Glad the full moon is done! Reset meetings with kids, flexibility to have these meetings and talk with the kids. Deb: Working with staff and kids toward their successes and seeing when things "click" with the students and staff (trusting).

- III. Approval of September 27, 2018 Minutes
Corrections: Denise's name spelling was corrected. Gina and Gary are helping cluster things in the survey, but Gary doesn't recall volunteering to do the survey, he is willing to help review questions and "assemble" the survey.

ACTION ITEM: Gary/Amanda

- IV. Board Reports:
 - A. Past President: Dave is absent, no report.
 - B. Conference and Membership
The link is now on the website for the hotel. Amanda has scholarship and awards posted.
Membership is stable.
 - C. STARS
Sycamore Creek Church visit by Mallory, where the kickoff will happen. Free use. 3 schools have registered (Crossroads, Grand Blanc, and Marshall Opportunity High School) and Crossroads has sent their check. MOHS is a new addition. Mallory needs items in multiples of 10. (egg cartons, Styrofoam balls, etc. for the competition in the spring)

D. MEA

Discussion about Whitmer and Schuette debate. Evaluation discussions: State testing scores are required in the 40% domain 5.

E. Treasurer

Beginning balance: \$57,455.46 Ending \$56,461.02 No inflows, outflows \$994.44

Rob is reaching out to scholarship winners to use the money.

V. Board Matters/Task Updates

A. Website

Amanda: All requested updates have been made. Katie is shooting another post on FB on Nov. 3 for MAEO STARS event on November 14.

B. Sharing tasks/responsibilities

Start thinking about a realistic amount of time that can be expected for all board members. Those positions that require numerous hours of preparation need to identify tasks where others who hold "open seats" or positions that do not include event planning and execution can help out. How can we help each other?

STARS Tasks identified: Rubrics need to be rewritten/updated for STARS Competition.

Divvy them up to 2 member teams of board members. (Let's do this now rather than waiting for spring competition).

Assistance with acquiring judges and/or participating as a judge.

STARS Manual Updates – Colleen volunteered to help with this at our September meeting

C. One Day Professional Development Update

A few hiccups, but Sarah has handled them well. Catering changed, 18 registrations so far, payments to presenters can be made after. Expect 35 – 40. Get information and mail check.

D. Member Survey – What questions do we need answered to continue to better serve our members? Board Input/Gary and Gina have volunteered to develop the survey

Gary can start a Google doc and board members can add questions.

VII Relationships and Involvement with other state boards

A. MACAE (Board Rep) Not present

B. MASSP

Discussion of teacher evaluations. Districts are not following seclusion/restraint/zero tolerance, so make sure your district is in compliance.

C. MDE

PESG closed Tuesday. Sub shortages and future teacher shortages.

D. MAAA

Football season over. Volleyball start up.

E. NAEA

Our regional rep has moved, Deb was planning to attend the annual national conference, but the date has been changed from March to October. A regional conference being held in Montgomery Alabama December 6 -8 has been substituted for the annual spring conference. The NAEA Board appears to be making changes and transitioning.

VIII Other Business

Amanda: Reminder about newsletter items. Try to get it in by Thanksgiving, before next meeting.

Presenters: send information to Denise. Ideas: 4 day school day. Amanda has some contacts she will be sending to Denise.

IX Adjournment

ACTION ITEM: Mallory/Denise