

MAEO
Michigan Alternative Education Organization
Board Meeting January 23, 2020
Spartan Hall of Fame
Lansing, MI
Minutes

I. Welcome and Roll Call

Present:, Amanda Miller, Colleen Deaven, Denise Cadwell, Rhonda Marcum, Deb Baughman, Mallory Soffin, Katie Myers, Dave Groenenboom

Absent: Gina Wilson, Rob Pawlowski, Thurston King, Sara Johnson, Karen Van Epps

II. President's Comments

Each person shared positives from the past week.

III. Approval of December 12, 2019 Board Meeting Minutes

Correction: Change Daven to David.

Motion: To approve 12/12/19 minutes as presented, Mallory Soffin, Second: Colleen Deaven. Motion approved.

IV. Board Reports:

A. Past President

B. Conference and Membership

Denise has received 73 registrations. There are only 2 presenters so far, plus the keynoter. Session discussions and ideas: classroom teacher toolkits, special education round table, online learning strategies, teacher self care, and calming room setup.

C. STARS

March 11 is Legislative Day. Location and keynoter is confirmed. May 14th is spring STARS, location Delta College (cannot be confirmed until March).

D. MEA-No report.

E. Treasurer's Report-Rob sent report with Denise. As of January 22,2020, our balance is \$ 59,171.81 after outflows of \$ 2,142.44. Mallory Soffin moved, Amanda Miller seconded. Motion approved.

V. Board Matters/Task Updates

A. Website/Social Media-Amanda reported there are a few technical issues on website, but they are being fixed as they are found. All items are uploaded to the website that have been sent. If we can go into the discussion area and start a thread and respond to get some activity going

that would be helpful. Katie reported that she has been posting on Facebook bi-weekly. People are reacting to and sharing posts.

B. Committee Work:

By-laws-Rhonda reported that a preliminary version of Article IV has been revised and will be submitted for board discussion at the next meeting. Articles V-VIII will be reviewed for the next meeting as well.

MAEO STARS-See report above.

Conference (Presenters)-See report above.

VII. Relationships and Involvement with other state boards

A. MACAE (Board Rep)-Sarah-absent, no report.

B. MASSP-Gina-absent, no report.

C. MDE-Thurston-absent, no report.

D. MAAA-Deb-Initially the MAAA was not going to have a state volleyball tournament, but after discussions, have decided they will for the benefit of the schools who have been holding contests. Deb communicated the continued value of alt. ed. sports in motivating attendance and grades in alt. ed. students to the MAAA Board.

E. NAEA-Deb-We plan to send the NAEA webmaster our conference information and they will post it on their website. Deb also plans to send an email invitation to our Region 3 alt. ed. peers specifically

VIII. New Business

A. MAEO Board Member Responsibilities (Attendance at meetings, Committee Participation, Connections with other Schools/Programs)
The attendance policy was discussed. The by-laws state that “two consecutive absences in a term without notifying a board officer may result in dismissal from the board.” If this happens, the president will reach out to that member to see if there are issues preventing them from attending and if they are still effective as a board member, a conversation for determining their status on the board. The president will make the final decision of board member status.

B. Board Member Bio Updates-We need bio updates to Amanda for the website.

C. Other

Discussion concerning award nominations for board member schools has been tabled until the summer retreat.

IX. Adjournment/ Committees meet

Next meeting February 27, 2020