

MAEO
Michigan Alternative Education Organization
Board Meeting May 3, 2018
Comfort Inn & Suites and Conference Center
Mt. Pleasant, MI

Meeting Agenda:

1. Welcome and Roll Call- Present: Deborah Baughman, Colleen Deaven, Gary Bigger, David Groenenboom, Katie Myers, Amanda Miller, Denise Caldwell, Rhonda Phillips, Mallory Soffin, Rob Pawloski, Karen Van Epps. Absent: Chris Maes. Everyone introduced themselves and shared why they care about MAEO.
2. Introduction of New Board Members for 2018 – 2019-Gary Bigger (Lincoln Street Alternative School Principal) and Katie Myers (school counselor at Bay Arenac)
3. President's Comments/Board Sharing - President Baughman indicated she was pleased with the attendance at the conference and heard many positive comments today.
4. Approval of March 22, 2018 Minutes- Mallory did a verbal review of the minutes of March 22nd. Rhonda Phillips moved to accept. Gary Bigger seconded the motion. Approved
5. Board Reports:
 - a. Past President-Dave Groenenboom had no comments to share.
 - b. Conference and Membership-Denise Cadwell- No formal report on membership. Conference: 144 attendees registered for the two days and 10 one day registrants for the 2018 conference. The registrations are 25 greater from last year. There has been lots of interest in presenting at the conference. Summer retreat is at the DoubleTree in Bay City on July 10th and 11th. Conference in 2019 will be April 25 and 26th at the DoubleTree in Bay City. Denise is working on the 2020 location. Board had some discussion about the days and times for the 2020 conference and whether a change in timing might produce more attendance in the afternoon of the second day.

- c. STARS – Mallory and Deb: Help needed to prepare for competition May 24.
Event is at Delta College. Need approximately 30 judges. Deb reached out to the Bay County Chamber of Commerce and local hospital human resource departments for judges. Unfortunately there has been no response yet and the event is just 3 weeks away. One school is currently registered. A total of 8 is expected, including a school who is coming to visit and observe the day. Lodging is at Bay Valley Resort.
- d. MEA- Rob Powalski: State budget is in the works. Should know in early June how things will wind up.
- e. Treasurer Rob Pawloski: As of 5/3/18 the balance is \$46,986.52. No conference deposits have been made as of today. Motion to approve: Karen Van Epps. Support Amanda Miller. Motion passed. Motion to pay stipend to appropriate board members Rob Pawloski, Second by David Groenenboom.

6. Board Matters/Task Update

- a. Website Update/Newsletter items to be included in next issue- please forward to Amanda. Website has been updated with STARS information, evaluation for conference is in place. Blog page has been created and the board invited to join the blog so that we can have some discussion. Another newsletter to finish the year should be done goal of mid-June. Highlight the award winners, scholarship winners and STARS. *reminder that we should have a photo release for all student postings.
- b. Facebook/Twitter-Chris Maes is leaving the MAEO board and therefore we need someone new to manage the Facebook and twitter accounts. Our newly elected board member Katie Myers volunteered to take over. Deb will follow up with connecting Chris and Katie.
- c. Communication with and between members- Blog has been set up for board members to have access to communication with one another. We need to continue to engage in a variety of different ways.

- d. One Day Professional Development- Discuss at Summer Retreat.
 - e. Member Survey(s)- Will continue to develop for fall
7. Relationships and Involvement with other state boards
- a. MACAE-no report
 - b. MASSP- no report-Gary Bigger is willing to be our representative.
 - c. MDE- Rhonda Phillips-Evaluation is the hot topic. Next year the student growth will go up to 40% of evaluation. Part of the 40% will be % of evaluation. Part of the 40% will be standardized testing scores.
 - d. MAAA- Deb Baughman reported that the MAAA continues to struggle. No state volleyball tournament due to numbers. Softball is struggling also. The struggle is due to a variety of reasons including funding, transportation, leadership, and students playing at the traditional high schools etc.
 - e. NAEA – Deb Baughman: Deb did a presentation today about the NAEA conference and the rubric used at Alternative Education High Schools.
8. Other Business
- a. Matters concerning our members- Teacher evaluation, difference in credit requirements between schools
 - b. Board Summer Retreat Agenda Items and Preparation- Bay City, July 11th and 12th. President Baughman would like all the executive board members to prepare a document about the specific jobs they do in that position so that should people leave that the information stayed etc. If board members have ideas about topics for the retreat please bring them to Deb's attention. Amanda will resend the goals to the board.

IX Adjournment -5:10pm Motion: Mallory Second: Colleen