

MAEO
Michigan Alternative Education Organization

Board Meeting April 25, 2019
DoubleTree by Hilton Bay City - Riverfront
Bay City, MI

Meeting Agenda:

- I. Welcome and Roll Call
Present: Mallory Soffin, Sarah Johnson, Katie Meyers, Amanda Miller, Denise Cadwell, Rhonda Marcum, Gina Wilson, Deb Baughman, Rob Pawloski, Colleen Deaven, Karen Van Epps
Absent: Gary Bigger, David Groenenboom
- II. Introduction of New Board Member for 2019 - 2020
Gary will no longer be on the board due to his many Administrative commitments.
Announcement: Gina accepted a faculty position, community and school relations, at CMU
- III. President's Comments/Board Sharing
Deb asked each of us to share one thing we've gleaned so far from the conference.
Gina: interesting how different alternative programs are and the great connections they made in addition to problem solving. Great conversation about how other programs can impact attendance.
Colleen: Boys need an ego niche and have a need for domination. Their ego niche helps them to be dominant in an area, i.e. a sport, engine repair, even gaming.
Rhonda: How important it is to have 3rd party people to come in to school and work with kids as staff aren't always effective.
Rob: A member told him how s/he heard about food banks last year here at the conference and s/he was able to establish a food bank at his/her school.
Amanda: MDE session; nice to come full circle and talk to people about the days/hours waiver. Session on competency (Steve) was phenomenal. Steve and Eric from MDE could do 2 different sessions because of all of the great information.
Katie: Presentation about mentorships, Bad kids/sad kids, was awesome.
Mallory: Lori Lamb's session was great with all of the free giveaways.
Sarah: cool how students form connections with each other but have different experiences.
Deb: remembered how instrumental churches are in communities and how helpful they are and willing/wanting to help.
- IV. Approval of March 21, 2018 Minutes
Mallory made the motion to approve, Rhonda seconded, Motion passed unanimously
- V. Board Reports:
 - A. Past President
 - B. Conference and Membership
161 attendees this year, up quite a bit! Many one day enrollees. Quite a few walk-ups. Denise got the conference information up in September so that our programs have time to plan. Tall Cop will be a presenter for 2020 conference. Start reaching out to potential presenters now to

secure for 2020. Sooner we get presenters, the sooner we can put the information on the website. Quite a few new members. Summer retreat will be in Bay City July 15th and 16th. Deb to prepare the Board Retreat agenda. June 7th is the deadline to get rooming requests to Denise. Next year's conference is at Crystal Mountain, April 22-24th.

C. STARS – Help needed to prepare for competition May 16. Judges are needed. The competition will be at Delta College. Colleen is working on the handbook.

D. MEA- The bills are still floating around about the snow days with a few caveats. There could be a total of 12 forgiven days if all should pass. There is some discussion surfacing about the per pupil allowance in some other bills. Teacher evaluation growth portion has been reduced to 25%.

E. Treasurer-Rob reported that we have a balance of \$61, 179.00. Karen made the motion to approve the treasurer's report as presented. and Sarah seconded the motion. Motion passed.

VI. Board Matters/Task Updates

A. Website Update/Newsletter items to be included-Items from the conference will be entered under the conference tab on the website. Newsletter to come out in June.

B. Facebook/Twitter- We will soon have an instagram Katie reported.

C. One Day Professional Development-Deb would love to hear about any possible topics if anyone hears anything at the conference about possible ideas.

D. Member Survey(s)- n/a

VII Relationships and Involvement with other state boards

A. MACAE-no report

B. MASSP-no report

C. MDE-no report

D. MAAA-Softball season is in progress

E. NAEA- Airline tickets have been purchased for the National Alternative Education Conference. Proposal submitted by May 15. Decision to be announced by May 22.

VIII Other Business

A. Matters concerning our members

B. Board Summer Retreat Agenda Items and Preparation-Email Deb if you have any items for the summer agenda.

IX Adjournment -Motion by Rhonda and second by Colleen to adjourn at 5:12pm.