

# **MAEO**

## **Michigan Alternative Education Organization**

Board Meeting Minutes February 28, 2019

Spartan Hall of Fame

Lansing, MI

**Present: Deb Baughman, Rob Pawlowski, Karen Van Epps, Amanda Miller, Gina Wilson, Rhonda Phillips, Sarah Johnson, Mallory Soffin, Colleen Deaven, Katie Myers, Denise Cadwell**

**Absent: Gary Bigger, Dave Groenenboom**

### **Meeting Agenda:**

I. Welcome and Roll Call

II. President's Comments- President Baughman indicated that she is aware that things are busy but asked board members to consider "how can we assist with what is coming up?" Can we consider help with such events as Legislative Day, Conference or the STARS competition? Deb indicated that we are still in need of a location for the STARS competition in May. Deb reported on her presentation yesterday in Flint to Alternative schools where about half of them were online schools. She gave them information about MAEO, MAEO STARS and activities, including the conference and competition they could be involved in.

III. Approval of January 24, 2019 Minutes-Tabled due to the misplacement of the minutes by the secretary.

IV. Board Reports:

A. Past President-Dave Groenenboom was not present.

B. Conference and Membership-Denise Cadwell reported that we have 605 MAEO members. We have approximately 40 people who have already reserved their rooms for the Spring conference. Keynote speakers are booked. Proposals are needed for the break out presenters. There are 11 presenters now and we would like 16 presenters. Still looking for Mental Health (anxiety), Substance Abuse (vaping), LGBTQ issues, Colleen will do the Administrative Roundtable on specific topics (attendance, educational policy), Self Care for Teachers (Partners in Change? Gina). Keynote: Laurie Lamb-"FBI Chasing the Dragon-Opioid Crisis" and David Opalewski from CMU about Teen Suicide. Sarah asked about a session on "virtual courses" and the positive

aspects of that type of education. Gina wondered about a Virtual School round table? Special Education in alternative education round table? SCECH credits are all ready to go.

C. STARS-Still need a location for the Spring conference. Amanda Miller wondered about a high school venue but the conference is during the week. Sara indicated that she loves Delta College as a venue. Mott? U of M Flint? When we have the location then assistance will be needed securing judges. Legislative Day is March 20. Theme "how do you get your voice heard". Mallory gave a presentation in Oakland County about MAEO. Rhonda volunteered to assist in looking at the rubrics for the competition,

D. MEA-Rob went the February Conference. There are about 80,000 members of MEA now and 5,000 new hires who are not members yet. Snow day legislation is pending. Senate bill looked at all 5 days of emergency, House bill was giving 3 days forgiveness. The legislatures need to move soon because schools need to know what to do. HB 4221-old bill reintroduced the measure to take the Student Growth from 40% back to 25%. HB 4162 to eliminate the WorkKeys test of the MME exam. HB 4207 which was to eliminate the limit on the number of highly effective teachers a district can have.

E. Treasurer-Rob- Balance of \$55,463.82 moved to accept Amanda. Support Colleen Deaven.

#### V. Board Matters/Task Updates

A. Website/Newsletter - Can we put an Education Policy link on the website so people know what legislation is happening? Amanda reported that all the links are working and the discussion board has been cleaned up. MAEO Stars is front and center now. Tabs can be moved but is that confusing to visitors she asked. The next newsletter will have more information due to the timing.

B. Sharing tasks/responsibilities: STARS needs help with manual and rubrics, Board needs a committee to review Scholarships and a committee to review Service Awards, Conference needs TBD. A group will stay after the next meeting to review the awards and scholarships. Rubrics are being developed. The meeting will take place on March 21st.

C. One Day Professional Development Final Report- Sarah will let Rob know how much needs to be invoiced so that the final amount can be remitted from her school. Then the final financial report can be made. Sarah reported that the 35 attendees were engaged. Very practical discussion about the application. Hope to have a second event next fall, The Bridge has volunteered to be the host site. Poll conference attendees as to topic.

## VII. Relationships and Involvement with other state boards

- A. MACAE-Gina is going to be communicating with the liaison to the board and report to us. Their board meetings are not necessarily open to others attending.
- B. MASSP- No report as Gary was not present.
- C. MDE - Rhonda reported that the big item is the Governor and her desire to pay tuition for two years of community college for Michigan residents.
- D. MAAA-Volleyball (co-ed) finals were today at Lincoln High School. Basketball has been difficult with snow days and eligibility. The new president of MAAA, Dana has been involved in activities this fall and winter and is from Charlotte.
- E. NAEA -Conference is now in the fall in Tampa, Florida. They are looking for proposals for their conference.

## VIII. Other Business

Gina spoke about whether there could be a “gallery” walk at the conference with posters from various programs, points of pride etc.

IX. Adjournment at 645pm Moved: Mallory Soffin Second: Sarah

Next meeting March 28, 2019