

**MAEO**  
**Michigan Alternative Education Organization**

Board Meeting Minutes March 21, 2019

Spartan Hall of Fame

Lansing, MI

**Present: Deb Baughman, Rob Pawlowski, Karen Van Epps, Rhonda Phillips, Sarah Johnson, Mallory Soffin, Katie Myers, Denise Cadwell, Dave Groenenboom**

**Absent: Gary Bigger, Amanda Miller, Gina Wilson, Colleen Deaven**

**Meeting Agenda:**

I. Welcome and Roll Call

II. President's Comments-

III. Approval of February 28, 2019 Minutes-Moved to accept as presented: Rhonda Marcum and second Mallory Soffin. Motion passed.

IV. Board Reports:

A. Past President-Dave Groenenboom-No report

B. Conference and Membership-Denise Cadwell reported that there is nothing new for the conference that was not covered last month. Denise believes that we are covered with presenters but there is still room for vendors. Membership remains consistent. Room reservations seem to be coming in at a steady rate.

C. STARS-Mallory reported: Legislative Day was held yesterday and by all accounts was successful. There were six schools represented. STARS still needs a location for the Spring conference. There are some barriers to Mott College hosting such as insurance etc. Delta College is still available but we were looking for a change.

D. MEA-Rob reported:HB 4206 which is regarding snow days is still moving through slowly. Schools probably will not know until mid April about the forgiven days. As part of the bill they are proposing a reduction in the attendance rate requirement from 75% to 60% for those days.HB 4221 bill to move the teacher growth portion of the evaluation from 40% to 20%.

E. Treasurer-Rob reported a Balance of \$56,326.32 moved to accept as presented by Karen Van Epps . Support Mallory Soffin. Motion passed. Rob asked Sara about the one day conference and the financial balances. An invoice from MAEO is

needed in order to close out the money that was collected by Plainwell for the one day conference. Still working on final details.

#### V. Board Matters/Task Updates

A. Website/Newsletter - Amanda Miller was not present to report. Deb would like to make sure that we are pulling old items off the website when the event is done.

B. Sharing tasks/responsibilities: STARS needs help with manual and rubrics. Rhonda is looking at rubrics for the STARS committee. Per Deb Colleen has also indicated she would help with formatting the manual.

C. Fall 2019 One day Professional Development Planning Committee: Members to be asked what topics may be of interest at the conference. Colleen Deaven offered to host in Brighton.

#### VII. Relationships and Involvement with other state boards

A. MACAE-Gina was not present to report.

B. MASSP- Gary was not present to report.

C. MDE - Rhonda has nothing to report.

D. MAAA-The basketball tournament was just held in Haslett.

E. NAEA -Conference is now in the fall in Tampa, Florida. They are looking for proposals for their conference. Deb would like to apply with Mallory to present our MAEO STARS at the 2019 conference.

#### VIII. Other Business

Possible choices for one day conference: Substance Abuse, Balanced and Restorative Justice, working with transgender youth, social/emotional learning, PBIS.

Mallory Soffin asked if MAEO would consider covering the registration cost of Mallory to go to the National Conference to present. Discussion occurred including covering both the cost of travel and registration. Motion made to add this item to the agenda by Rhonda and second by Sarah. The motion read to "sponsor the MAEO STARS co-chair to cover the travel expenses and registration to the NAEA Annual Conference in October 2019".

Motion to approve: Sarah Johnson and Second Karen Van Epps. Motion passed.

#### IX. Adjournment at 5:50pm

Scholarship and Service Award Committees met to choose five recipients of MAEO \$1000 scholarships and four categories of Service Awards that received nominations.

Next meeting April 25, 2019 at the conference site; DoubleTree Hotel in Bay City.