

# **MAEO**

## **Michigan Alternative Education Organization**

Board Meeting Minutes September 26, 2019

Spartan Hall of Fame

Lansing, MI

Present: Deb Baughman, Karen Van Epps, Rob Pawlowski, Colleen Deaven, Katie Myers, Rhonda Marcum, Gina Wilson, Mallory Soffin, Dave Groenenboom, Sarah Johnson , Denise Caldwell

Absent: Amanda Miller, Thurston King

### I. Welcome and Roll Call

II. President's Comments - Deb Baughman shared that she is anxious to get started on the goals that we established this summer at our retreat. She is optimistic about achieving the things we set out to do in our mission.

### III. Approval of Minutes for the Board Retreat July 15-16, 2019

Moved: Rhonda Marcum Second: Colleen Deaven Motion carried.

### IV. Board Reports:

A. Past President - Dave had no formal report, shared his activities since retiring from teaching.

B. Conference and Membership-Denise reported that membership continues to grow. Information about the conference is posted, more to come. She is still in need of break-out session speakers. Board members are encouraged to explore possible contacts for presenters. Conference is at Crystal Mountain April 22 - 24.

C. STARS-Kickoff and Leadership Conference has been rescheduled October 10. The date that was originally set was changed to accommodate Mallory's absence caused by presenting at NAEA the following week. A new event that will be part of the program that day is involving the schools in producing a video based on the NAEA Video Contest theme "Navigating the Future". The event will take place in Brighton at the Bridge Alternative High School. Legislative Day will be in Lansing on March 18 and the Career and College Competition will be at Delta College May 14. Holding the fall event at a school campus will be considered as a permanent part of the STARS program.

D. MEA-Rob reported that the Growth percentage for teacher evaluation still remains on the table. That is currently the big issue. Funding is still not secure.

E. Treasurer-Rob reported a balance of \$62,781.96 in our account after an outflow of \$2,846.55. Discussed how to connect with scholarship recipients to make sure they are accessing their scholarship. Board members who have scholarship recipients in their school are encouraged to reach out to the advocate and ask them to follow up with the graduate.

#### V. Board Matters/Task Updates

A. Website/Social Media-Amanda is not here for a full report. We have decided not to use the twitter account, just not enough followers. Katie is doing a great job with social media and keeping things updated. Question posed as to whether we need to post our treasurer's report on the web site. Board felt that since the balance is in our minutes that is adequate.

B. Board Roles Manual - Rhonda has been gathering the necessary information and will be sharing the draft with the President. After the draft has been reviewed by her it will come to the board for a final look and approval. She thanks all those who have given her information.

C. Committee Work:

By-laws- The first 3 articles were reviewed. The mission statement developed at the retreat will be added to the document. The review will continue.

Committee assignments for members not present at our July meeting- Katie and Sarah volunteered to be on the MAEO STARS committee. We will catch up with Amanda at our next meeting when we evaluate which committee is in need of more members.

D. Region map and regional reach out -Gina will get a copy of prosperity regions, we will roll this out at the annual conference in April

E. Fall 2019 One Day Professional Development Conference

Symposium in Kalamazoo November 1 – Consensus to have MAEO be a vendor at the Conference to be held at Kalamazoo Valley Community College, assist in spreading the word to our members about this PD opportunity, it will take the place of what we had originally planned for November. Sarah is a member of the planning committee. Rhonda is planning to attend and volunteered to be at a table with materials about MAEO and our annual conference. Discussed giving away a conference registration in the raffle drawing. Denise will evaluate and send the information to MAEO members who are attending the conference or be present herself..

F. Comments regarding stipends – Had some continued discussion about stipends with no decisions being made at this time. Committee will make recommendations in January, potential vote to revise the budget in February.

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

A. MACAE (Board Rep)-Gina nothing to update.

B. MASSP-Gina-nothing to update.

C. MDE -Rhonda.-nothing to update.

D. MAAA-Deb-organization is struggling, many schools no longer have athletic programs and/or funding for them. Fulton who was very active in the organization has closed.

E. NAEA (Region 3)-Deb and Mallory will be going to the national conference and presenting on STARS. They will be leading both Round Table discussions and present at an hour long session.

#### VIII. Other Business

Request from Sarah regarding meeting schedule has been withdrawn, she has been able to change her schedule to accommodate our meetings.

IX. Adjournment/ Committees met to determine timelines for next meeting.