

**MAEO RETREAT MINUTES**  
**Michigan Alternative Education Organization**  
Board Meeting July 11, 2018, 9 am - 1 pm  
Mt. Pleasant, MI

**Meeting Agenda:**

**Here: Deb Baughman, Colleen Deaven, Denise Cadwell, Rob Pawloski, Mallory Soffin, Gary Bigger, Gina Wilson, Rhonda Marcum.**

**Absent: Karen Karen Van Epps, David Groenenboom, Amanda Miller, Sarah Johnson, Katie Myers**

I. Complete discussion of any unfinished *Old Business* Items from July 10

September Meeting discussions: Mission statement, survey to members, Amanda needs to share details about her role as webmaster and other duties, Google doc the board minutes, finalize 1 day PD.

One day PD: Deb has reached out informally to Tammy Glupker at Renaissance to host the PD. Looking at trying a Saturday. MAEO would “sponsor” the training and market it on our website. The question was asked: “do we want to open up our organization to promote and market all/certain PDs? Ideally, we want the school/program to do the work of hosting, we will process registrations. A stipend may be given to the hosting school. At Renaissance, there won’t be a site cost to MAEO. Questions yet to be answered: Will the PD run if there is a limited number of registrations, who will manage the registrations, etc.? Rhonda Marcum volunteered to be the contact person for a proposal from Renaissance. Gary Bigger moved to contact Renaissance High School in Plainwell for a proposal for a 1 day PD on Trauma informed school, Colleen Deaven seconded. Need a date, times, food costs, and a summary of PD. Proposal needs to be submitted by August 24, 2018. After viewing proposal, MAEO can determine cost of registration. Deb will send an email to Tammy, cc Rhonda, and inform her to move forward with 1 day PD plans.

Mission/Vision statement: Gary wants to continue discussion of the activity from July 10th about changing/revising the MAEO statements. We need common language and understanding of what is needed and where we are

heading. Deb encouraged the group to look at what we have and determine whether it needs tweaking, and/or needs change(s). It was proposed that MAEO bring in a third party to mediate this discussion and direction. This would mean a full day of meeting as a board in addition to our monthly meetings. to meet on a Saturday or plan this for next year's annual retreat.

Warm-Up Activity:

## II. New Business

- A. Discussion of Proposed Budget for 2018 – 2019, Vote  
Looking at the trend of scholarship pay outs, it has been decreasing since 2010-11 school year. Rob will email the scholarship winners a reminder to apply to receive their scholarship award. Keep the original 5 scholarships at \$1000 each. Discussion about altering the recording secretary stipend. Karen had recommended \$25/meeting. Rob recommends dividing up meetings by budgeted amount, \$50 per regular meeting and \$75 per day for annual retreat. Leave budget amount the same, method of pay may change. Colleen motions to approve proposed budget, Gina seconded.
- B. Board Meeting Dates, Time and Location for 2018 – 2019, Vote  
4th Thursday of the month. December meeting has been cancelled for the last 2 years.

September 27, 2018

October 25, 2018

November 29, 2018

January 24, 2019

February 28, 2019

March 21, 2019

April 25, 2019 (Spring Conference)

- C. Spring Conference Dates and Location for 2019

April 25-26, 2019, Doubletree, Bay City, MI

- D. MAEO STARS Event Dates and Locations for 2018 - 2019

Exploring Spring Competition venue currently (Jackson College, Delta College, LCC), May 16 or 23, 2019, pending facility. Fall Kick-Off,

looking at another church location. Will have dates and locations for the September board meeting.

Legislative Day, March 20, 2019, pending facility.

E. Discuss Regional Concept

1. Membership Recruitment-Current 575 members

Gina and Gary is now the regional concept committee. They will bring information to September meeting.

2. MAEO STARS Events/Competitions (Life Smarts/?)

Possibly have regions host MAEO Stars events.

3. Regional Rep. Areas

Regional Concept committee.

III. Relationships and/or Positions with Other Organizations/Departments

A. MACAE- Gina Wilson

B. MDE- Rhonda Marcum

C. MEA- Rob Pawloski

D. NAEA- Deb Baughman

E. MAAA- Deb Baughman

F. MASSP- Gary Bigger

IV. Board Commitments

The board members that are not on a committee can be working on tasks with other

committees. Gary thinks that guidance needs to be given when tasks/assistance is

needed by committees. Members should utilize the goals Google document if they need

help or assign tasks. Rhonda will monitor the progress.

IV. Other Business

A. Gina recommended looking into purchasing a Google Suite for MAEO. Rob will look into this.

B. Colleen will work with Mallory on reworking the STARS manual.

C. Rubrics for scholarships and awards. Denise will create one and the board will review and discuss at a board meeting.

V. Adjournment

Mallory made a motion to adjourn, Colleen seconded. Meeting adjourned at 12:19.