

Spring 2011 MATYCONN

Business Meeting

Location: Naugatuck Valley Community College

Friday May 6th, 2011

The meeting was called to order at 2:15 pm.

The agenda order was modified.

The minutes below reflect the actual order that was followed during the meeting.

1. Welcome –

André Freeman, MATYCONN President, welcomed everyone.

2. Treasurer's Report –

Debbi Litwinko provided copies of the treasurer's report and discussed expenditures. Future expenses will include the checks made out to contest winners and checks made out to scholarship recipients. The allocations will be addressed and voted later on in this meeting.

3. AMATYC/NEMATYC Report-

Jane Tanner, Northeast Regional Vice-President of AMATYC, shared many of the wonderful initiatives and programs from AMATYC and NEMATYC.

Some of these were: a Webinar on Math and video games, that was very well done and a webinar on Wolfram Alpha, being held the same day of our Spring meeting. She encouraged everyone to stay informed of the activities and opportunities as posted from the website: www.amatyc.org. There are opportunities for webinars, free to members and free to non members if space is available.

Jane also announced that at the most recent AMATYC Board meeting she was appointed Co-chair of a task force that will be looking at issues related to our conferences. She welcomed any ideas that would make future conferences more successful. The task force will be presenting a report at the 2012 spring board meeting.

Steve Krevisky reported that he is involved in a subcommittee of international math education for a preconference workshop. He asked anyone interested to contact him. He went to the NEMATYC conference last weekend on Cape Cod. He volunteered CT to host the Spring of 2012. School of New Hampshire also volunteered. If there is a chance that we get to host it, he suggests running it as a joint meeting between NEMATYC and MATYCONN.

4. Approval of Minutes of Fall 2010 Business Meeting-

The minutes were approved with the following corrections:

- The Math Issues Committee has been chaired by Pat Hirschy. The sentence stating that it was led by Miguel Garcia will be removed.
- The following names will be corrected: Steve Krevisky (page 2) and Mark Leach (page 5).
- AMATYC updates (page 2) – will be amended to reflect that "They are hosting a pre-conference workshop on international math instead of developmental math."

5. MATH CONTEST REPORT -

Steve Krevisky reported on behalf of both chairs (Steve and Sandy Pettinico).

The contest took place in April 2011. The highest score was 34 out of 40 points. The results are listed below:

Top score 34 – Michael Lang from Gateway CC

Second: 32 – Liam Fratturo from Norwalk CC

Third (Tied): 29 - Alexandra Hill from Northwestern & Ian Krasnow from Naugatuck Valley CC

Other high scores: Three Rivers with 28, Middlesex with 25 and Tunxis with 24.

Steve K. has the plaques with him so that reps from colleges can take them with them.

Prize allocations were discussed. Sandy P. suggested granting \$200 for the winner, \$100 for the second place and \$50 for both students on third place. This would be equivalent to a total of \$400 dollars. It was unanimously approved.

Steve K. shared that the feedback he received was that the questions were harder this semester. Miguel Garcia also suggested including more questions where students have to do some Math. He felt that some of the questions, if targeted to Intermediate Algebra, required trial and error OR formulas not normally used.

6. Scholarship Report -

Larisa Alikhanova gave the scholarship report. There were six applicants this year. They decided that two students were equally deserving of the scholarship. Larisa asked to allow both students to be recipients. Normally a total of \$600 is given for scholarship. She suggested splitting the amount and grant \$300 to each student.

The winners were John Wood from Manchester CC and Jessie Leigh Morotto from Naugatuck Valley CC.

It was unanimously approved.

7. Math Issues Update -

Pat Hirschy gave a follow-up report on the Committee's March meeting with the Council of Deans; the PowerPoint presentation is linked to the MATYCONN website under Math Issues. In this presentation, the need for System IR support was brought up as the Committee tries to evaluate alternative strategies for student success. She will be sending an email out to Dr. Paul Susen, the Chief Academic Officer.

The Committee has identified four goals for next year. They incorporated some of the goals that are listed in the fall minutes. Although all colleges have a representative, everyone is welcome to attend the meetings.

Miguel Garcia added that we need to consider how to establish an alternative line of communication with future changes in administration.

8. Newsletter –

André Freeman announced that he has all the necessary parts to get it running. He thanked new hires for sending their bios and apologizes to Kegan for inverting his name. André also thanked Steve K. for his submission. He welcomes more submissions for future issues with pictures and ideas.

He also added that he enjoys doing the newsletter and plans on continuing to maintain this responsibility. He looks forward to getting more information from the members.

9. Membership Report-

Jana Sime presented a report that summarized current membership with up-to-date dues as well as totals on soon-to-expire memberships. Her report only reflects what is in from the Fall. At the conclusion of that meeting, the total was 60. Down from 73 from the previous Fall. She knows that the total is more than 60 but did notice that there are many that did not renew.

It was brought to attention that there are no members from Norwalk CC. A discussion on campus contacts soon followed. All campus contacts stayed the same except for Asnuntuck CC. Teresa Foley will represent them instead of Pat Hirschy. Elaine Dinto volunteered to find out about the status of Norwalk CC. It was also noted that Quinebaug has no members and is without a contact.

André Freeman motioned to provide membership cards for lifetime members. It was unanimously approved.

10. Website Update –

Elaine Dinto shared that the website is being continuously maintained. Once she receives information from the Treasurer and Scholarship Chair, she will update/maintain lists of past MATYCONN contest winners and scholarship recipients.

11. Nominating Committee –

Sue Ricciuti and Jane Wampler presented the slate of candidates. Sue R. explained that the slate had to be received 30 days in advance of the election, as stated in the by-laws. New candidates' names were sent to everyone via email. The changes for the new board are: New President – Teresa Foley, New Treasurer – Kegan Samuel, New Vice-President – Rachael Schettenhelm.

12. Plans for Fall 2011 Meeting –

Teresa Foley mentioned that Capital CC volunteered to be the next host. Meeting will be held on the 3rd Friday of October. The exact date will be October 21st, 2011. It was unanimously approved to run it in that location with the same time schedule as the spring meeting.

13. Other Business -

André F. welcomes any ideas for speakers.

Elaine D. requested announcing if there is a board meeting coming up.

Steve K. commented that it might be a good idea to invite Herb Gross.

Miguel G. said he is superb.

Jane Tanner also agreed that he would be a good speaker. Jane said that she could try to contact him.

Teresa F. suggested having a presentation on Statway.

Jane T. added that her school has someone working on Mathway.

André F. asked if there were any new members interested in getting their fee waived for the AMATYC conference. We get one free conference registration that can be used for a new member.

Jane T. said that it is up to our chapter to decide that.

Steve K. suggested taking a look at the by-laws at the executive level.

André F. moved to end the meeting and Steve K. seconded.

Meeting adjourned at 3:05 pm.

Respectfully Submitted by:

Ruth Urbina-Lilback, Secretary