

LECNYS Executive Board Meeting April 6, 2011

President Charlene Holmes-Sullivan called the Executive Board meeting to order at 4:30 p.m. Members present in addition to the President were Barbara Gordon, Rosanne Perla, Barbara Patterson, Barbara Allen, Heather Kent and Diane Burke.

Secretary's Report: Diane Burke

The secretary's report from 1/19/2010 was distributed and read prior to the meeting. The minutes were accepted.

New Board Members: Charlene Holmes-Sullivan

- Treasurer: Luigi Tozzi
 - Charlene will set up voting on Survey Monkey
- Newsletter Editor: Denise Mahns

Website: Barbara Patterson

- Charlene was contacted about including the website www.mastersinteaching.com as a resource on the LECNY website. The board decided not to include the website as it does not pertain directly to foreign language.
- A suggestion was made to include an advocacy section on the website. This section could be used to provide members with sample letters for expressing our current concerns about foreign language education. We could also use this section to showcase the community and global outreach performed by local foreign language teachers and their students.

NYS AFLT Update: Barbara Allen

- NYS AFLT Colloquium will be held in Albany April 29-30th.
- Concerns have been expressed about new state graduation requirements; foreign language exams provided by the state are not explicitly mentioned under the new guidelines.

Scholarships:

- Charlene had communicated with teachers and guidance counselors from Syracuse City School District as well as Jamesville-Dewitt and has received no responses. Deadline for all scholarships is Friday April 15.
- NYS AFLT has chosen scholarship winners for our region; these awards will be presented at our May Celebration.
 - Barb Allen expressed concerns over scholarship applications; qualified applicants do not always have well-written, appropriate recommendation letters. We should publicize the rubric used for awards at the next SUPER/LECNYS and/or present a workshop on writing recommendations, grant applications, etc. at our next Regional meeting.

May Celebration: Charlene Holmes Sullivan

- Sollecito's requested that we change our date. The event will be held on May 24, 2011
- We will have (at least) 3 retirees this year. Sollecito's will put together our retiree gifts for \$15-20/ gift.
- In keeping with the flower theme of our event, we will provide attendees with information about flowers that pertain to the language that they teach.
- Charlene has had a difficult time finding caterers. The board agreed that rather than using a caterer, we will buy refreshments at Wegmans or BJ's.
- The cost to attend the May Celebration will be \$10 for members and \$12 for non-members.
- Charlene will send out the registration form before Spring Break and will include the names of our retirees on the form.

November Regional: Charlene Holmes Sullivan

- NYSAFLT will not approve the date that we chose at the January 19th board meeting because it conflicts with the ACTFL conference.
- The new date for Regional is November 5th; this date will be approved by NYSAFLT at their April meeting.

Membership Drive: Charlene Holmes Sullivan

- Heather will send an email to members whose memberships have lapsed; the email will include a reminder of the events that we will have for the remainder of the year, as well as the amount of money that members can save.

Next Meeting: Charlene Holmes Sullivan

- The next meeting will be held in early August. We will coordinate a specific date via email.