

LECNYS Executive Board Meeting August 24, 2011

President Charlene Holmes-Sullivan called the Executive Board meeting to order at 12:00 p.m. Members present in addition to the President were Nathan Lutz, Barb Gordon, Barb Allen, Barb Patterson, Diane Burke, Heather Kent and Luigi Tozzi.

Secretary's Report: Diane Burke

The secretary's report from 4/6/2011 was distributed and read prior to the meeting. The minutes were accepted.

Treasurer's Report

- Treasury information was not available at this meeting.

Grant Applications

- Denise Mahns and Sara Woodward-Jones (Fayetteville-Manlius) were the only applicants for our teacher's grant. They would like to use the money to purchase materials for their upper-level French classes. The board agreed to reward them the grant.
- The board discussed the possibility of offering a second grant later in the year; applications would be available at the November Regional, with the grant being awarded in February at SUPER/LECNYS.

Board Members

- As her NYSAFLT duties are coming to an end, Barb Allen has agreed to take on a new role as newsletter editor.
- Denise Mahns has expressed interest in getting involved with the LECNYS board; Charlene will approach her about the Member At Large and Vice President positions.
- It was suggested that we establish small committees (November Regional, SUPER/LECNYS, Scholarships and Awards, Nominations, etc.) in order to offer our members the opportunity to get involved without long-term commitment. This will provide opportunities for APPR and will hopefully help the board in identifying possible board members for the future.

September Meeting

- The September meeting will be held at Manlius Pebble Hill on Monday, September 26, 2011 from 4:00-6:00pm.
- The theme will be "Creating a viable alternative to the former state LOTE exams;" the meeting will hopefully be the first in a series of collaborative meetings to create a replacement exam for our region.
 - Our tasks will be to:
 1. Learn how to write questions;
 2. Establish the format of the exam (follow NYS);
 3. Create a question bank;
 4. Compile questions;
 5. Review the exam.

- Barb Patterson and Barb Allen will present a short workshop on item writing.
- Barb Allen will ask NYSFALT to notify its members from the Syracuse Region and to include information about the meeting on the NYSAFLT website.
- We will not be ready for the September meeting, but in the future we would like to invite the press to cover our work on writing the exam.

November Regional:

- The November Regional will be held on November 5, 2011.
- We would like to hold the event at the Rosamond Gifford Zoo.
 - Charlene contacted the zoo post-meeting; it is available and affordable.
 - We would like to do a multi-lingual scavenger hunt as the immersion portion of the conference.
 - Admission to the zoo would not be included as part of renting the conference rooms. The possibility of offering our multi-lingual scavenger hunt to the zoo in exchange for reduced/free admission was discussed.
- Because we will be presenting the conference in collaboration with NYSAFLT, Barb Allen will check to see if we can have tax-exempt status.
- Marie Camponato will be our keynote speaker. Her speech is entitled “Take One More Step” and will focus on advocacy.
- Best Practice Presenters:
 - Nathan Lutz- using pictures to teach sentence syntax
 - Harry Tuttle- increasing fluency
 - Regina Kekis- humanitarian efforts for middle and high school level
- We had originally planned to ask Betty O’Hara to present on writing scholarship recommendations- we would now like to have her do a short presentation at SUPER/LECNYS.