

**SAME Business Meeting
Savannah, GA
12:00 p.m. July 21, 2008**

Call to Order

- Joan called meeting to order
- Dianne passed out minutes for the November meeting in Ocean Springs, AL, and the financial report.

Financial Report – Dianne discussed

53 active members most renewals and new members from SAME/COSEE meeting
\$496 memberships
\$1,296 total

Action Items:

Resolution of Action Items from Previous Meeting

None

Minutes:

MOTION: A motion was made by Jennifer to accept the November 2007 minutes as is.

Seconded by Chris

VOTE: Minutes accepted

Discussion

Highlights NMEA Board - Sharon

Dates for 2009 NMEA changed – Monterey, CA to June 29-July 3, 2009

Reason: Facility cancelled contract because of renovations

YMCA – charming – nearby hotels, \$125 per person, \$187 per room single, 250

2010 meeting will be in Gatlinburg, TN

There is a call out for old NMEA T-shirts, collect to make a quilt for the anniversary meeting.

Mail your old Tees to Courtney (Sharon or Johnette will have contact information)

Committees

Awards and Scholarships

Members: Chris, Jessica, Judy and Jean

The scholarship was announced in the April newsletter – what about cost

Awards Teacher:

Resource:

Johnette asked about whether the newsletter is online. (Yes it is)

Promotions and Publicity

Programs and Projects

Discussion

Shelia commented that members need to consider being more active in committees and in November we will establish committees

MOTION: Shelia made a motion to address request for volunteers for committees

Jessie seconded

VOTE: Passed unopposed

Bylaws

MOTION: Jennifer made a motion to revisit the bylaws at the upcoming fall meeting.

Chris seconded.

Discussion:

Sharon suggested to send e-mail to President, circulate current bylaws for voting members and make comments for revision. President will request/appoint volunteers to review? the bylaws for discussion at November meeting

VOTE: Passed unopposed.

Committees Volunteers

Bylaws: Dianne and Jennifer Buchanan

Promotions and Publicity: John Dindo already on committee, Sharon Jessie K

Other Business

Joan thanked all for Basket items

Joan discussed topics for the next meeting. Ideas: OOS and Apex predators, Tentative speakers set: Tami Wells, Dr. Shaw Powers and John Dindo

Announcements

- MSAL Bays and Bayous Symposium – 10/28-29/08
- Jessie: COSEE Louisiana – Oct 3-5, 2008 in New Orleans
 - Summer COSEE Field Institute in Louisiana on June 21-26, 2009
- Sharon: MS/AL COSEE summer institute is also June 21-26, 2009
- Angela – WETSHOP in Louisiana will be June 15-19, 2009
- Jennifer – Mississippi Education Alliance meeting which is similar time when we have SAME. She will make sure there are representatives at SAME perhaps 20 teachers from Mississippi

Discussion: On Mississippi Teachers and Sharon suggested that SAME members coordinate with NME Alliance to promote membership in collaboration with each other

- Chris announced that Florida would like to have SAME 2009

MOTION: Lloyd motioned to adjourn

Jessie seconded

VOTE: Passed unopposed.

IN ATTENDANCE (18)

Shelia Brown

Dianne Lindstedt

Judy Reeves

Brian Sedlecky

Joan Turner

Desiree Bishop

Chris Verlinde

Angela Capello

Jane Putman

David Lloyd Scott

Margaret Sedlecky

Sharon Walker

Carolyn Burks

Jessica Kastler

Dennis Putman

Tracie Sempier

David Lloyd Scott

Erin Westmoreland

Tina Miller-Way

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