

## **SAME BUSINESS MEETING**

**November 13, 2010**

**USDA Golden Meadow Plant Materials Center, Galliano, LA**

### **MINUTES**

#### **Call to Order**

Chris Verlinde called the meeting to order following the silent auction.

#### **Minutes**

Chris passed out minutes from the Gatlinburg, July 2010 meeting. There was no discussion. Minutes were approved unopposed.

#### **Financial Report**

Dianne went over the financial report checking account balance is \$3,752.82 and Total Assets are \$11,690.23 which includes the CD.

#### **Awards**

**Outstanding Education Award:** Belinda Matlock

Presented by Joan Turner

#### **Distinguished Service Award/ Outstanding Resource**

Jean May Brett gave a brief history of this award and suggested change name of award be changed to 'Distinguished Service Award'.

**MOTION:** Jean May-Brett motioned to change the name of award to 'Distinguished Service Award'.

**Second** by Lee Yokel

**VOTE:** Passed unopposed

Jean concluded with an announcement to nominate someone she will pursue the nominee. She would also pursue the same for the scholarship. The group thanked Jean May Brett for her work.

#### **NMEA, Mobile, AL 2013**

##### **Logo**

Discussion about the logo was led by Joan Turner who has been working with Janice Richards, a Spring Hill College Teacher. Her students came up with logo suggestions. The group had a very long discussion about seven logo designs and made recommendations.

#### **New Business**

##### **Incentives for being a SAME member**

Chris Verlinde led a discussion about different incentives to recruit more members. Some suggestions included discounts at the aquarium, DISL, gift shops, etc. a newsletter, networking

an professional development. There was also a discussion that discussion that we need to update the SAME website and whether we should move to developing a Facebook page.

### **Partnership for scholarships or grants to teachers**

Chris led a long discussion about asking for funds and discussed levels of sponsorship.

### **Grant Program**

Chris suggested we provide a grant program to support field trips that would require a short proposal for us to fund it, equipment, and money for teachers at NMEA, and/or scholarships.

- Belinda suggested scholarship for NMEA and find ways to earn state specific CLUs
- Chris suggested going to SAM's and other business for donations
- Sharon reminded the group that COSSE has always provided CLUs and teachers usually have to pay for them.

**MOTION:** Belinda motioned that due to the carryover funds and profit from tonight's auction that we fund a \$475 scholarship to NMEA in Boston in 2011

**Second** by Chris Breazeale

**VOTE:** Passed unopposed

### **ACTION ITEM:**

Chris will call Beth Jewell to get information about the regional NSTA meeting in New Orleans.

**MOTION:** Mendal motioned that we support a registration scholarship for the 2011 Regional NSTA for teachers with the \$250 rollover the last two years

**Second** by Belinda Matlock

Sharon called a question about the amount

**VOTE:** Passed unopposed

### **Funding NMEA**

Discussion turned to funding NMEA and concern that CD maturity date deposits are down.

Jenny wondered if we will have enough money to cover the costs

Sharon explained and emphasized that *we need money from outside sources*

### **Promotional Items for NMEA 2013**

Discussion on the amount of money need, how we will pay for items and what are needs are

#### **Funding comments:**

We need to define our needs i.e. what do we have to pay for and how much will that cost?

We need to pay for

Wireless

Invited speakers (stipend? travel? lodging? food? what is the precedent?)

Field trips and expenses (will likely have down payments)

### **Key Points for NMEA**

We need to know what we need  
We need a list of what we want for sponsors to choose from i.e. logo  
We need sponsors  
We need a list of sponsors  
We need a list of who to ask  
We need someone who can pound the pavement for sponsors-a fund raiser  
We need a separate 5013 C  
We need a separate bank account for NMEA monies  
We need detailed information from previous NMEA hosts

### **ACTION ITEMS**

Chris will talk to Mare about previous meetings  
Joan will talk to Courtney

### **Announcements**

-Chris suggested that we need to change silent auction way we are doing things online; make more money  
-NSTA: Belinda will be in charge of exhibits

### **Adjourn**

**Motion:** Chris Verlinde motioned to adjourn the meeting.

Seconded by Belinda

**Vote:** Passed unopposed

Meeting adjourned at 10:15

### **In Attendance**

Chris Breazeale	Georgia Clesi	Jenny Cook
Tom Brett	Mendel Graeber	Valerie Kleinschmidt
Dianne Lindstedt	Belinda Matlock	Jean May-Brett
Dinah Maygarden	Jed Pitre	Ilka Porter
Brooke Saari	Joan Turner	Chris Verlinde
Sharon Walker	Lee Yokel	

### **Attended conference but not SAME business meeting**

Jen Buchanan  
Angela Capello  
Amy Clark