

Minutes of the January 26, 2017 Meeting

Attendance: Hank Bitten, Fred Cotterell, Joseph Dwyer, Matt Farber, Christine Gehringer, Eileen Heddy, Mary Keller, Michael Kenduck, Katie Mahaffey, Joe Orlak, Mark Percy, and Frank Romano. (11 voting members)

Brian Cameron, Arlene Gardner, Nick Madensky, Amanda Matticks, and Nicole Savino were excused.

Motion to accept minutes of 11/16 → tabled (not submitted from meeting)

Unfinished Business → Hank

- Letter to affiliates on ESSA
 - Review of letter needed.
 - List of partners included.
 - Request to join.
 - Letter reviewed by group → Hank will send out next week.
- Letter sent out to directory.
 - Response from Columbus, OH
 - Wait to send more broadly until September.

Treasurer's Report → Christine

- Documents provided from December and January as well as review of 2016.
- Work on budget for upcoming year described.
 - Discussion of status of **"The Docket"**
 - Print versus online/digital copy
 - Mark → Peer Review to be installed in next issue
 - Goal to have online portal for peer review
 - Look for digital home for "The Docket"
 - No longer paying Alan Singer or Hofstra for printed document.
 - Mark to now receive payment previously paid to Alan?
 - Worth putting aside \$500 - \$1000 for "The Docket" to be sure that money is available for what is needed.
 - Thought to expand PD but costs need to be cut to build in more PD.
 - Hank → Discussion of what fiscal year should look like
 - Possibility of raising membership by \$5.
- Need to come to consensus on organizational goals, advocate for ourselves, and be more present in the educational system. Money needs to be allocated if we want to try to expand PD offerings to broaden the organization.
 - Hank → possibility of putting some money into a CD to earn interest.

- Fred → Thoughts on giving student teachers throughout the state free membership (not the conference) and hope to hook them into eventual full membership.
- Christine → Logical to increase membership because most teachers have it paid for them by districts since it's bundled into the conference.
- Concern that the high school workshop might have outgrown the facility at Rutgers. Thought of moving conference location to where Science has their conference:
 - Princeton Marriott at Forrestal
 - APA in Woodbridge/Iselin (FLENJ upcoming location)
 - Upcoming Fall Conference:
 - Get Rutgers Date (Could always cancel)
 - Task force to look at other options
- Motion to pay Mark \$300 twice per year for his work on "The Docket."
 - Vote carried unanimously
- Committee to work on budget for upcoming fiscal year:
 - Christine, Hank, and Fred
- Committee to work on alternate location for upcoming Fall Conference:
 - Keep in October
 - Katie, Mike (off-site), and Eileen (University Sites)

President's Report → Joe

- Fall Conference Date:
 - October 26, 2017
- Fall Conference Theme:
 - Teaching the Three "R's" - Reading, Rights, and Revolution
 - Ideas to be shared on Google Doc.
- Nominations and Elections:
 - To be published in newsletter to general membership
 - Anyone interested in being re-elected should notify Joe and Hank in writing.
- Next Meeting:
 - March 14, 2017
- Teacher/Supervisor of the Year
 - Needs to be settled by May
 - Nomination process should be streamlined
 - Eventual have finalists announced to further promote NJCSS statewide
- Possible NJCSS sponsored social studies student of the year

Spring Conference → Hank

- Keynote:
 - Selecting topics for the keynote based on teachers in attendance
 - Keynote Oral History can be tailored to those in attendance.

- Keynote to focus on importance of encouraging students to do their own oral histories.
- Collaborative Breakout Session:
 - Take 2-3 lessons from website to showcase.
 - Have individuals available to facilitate each group (K-3) and (4-6)
 - Walkthrough of components of best-practice lesson and discussion of what happens in your classrooms now.

Executive Director's Report → Hank

- Website Upgraded
- Facebook Page up and running
- Twitter Hashtag considered
- Newsletter as PDF on website
- Review of Hank's Article, "Why Democracy Needs Resourceful Teachers" for NJEA review.
- Members Only section of website:
 - Login sent out to membership
 - Currently in Section:
 - Constitution
 - Requirements for "The Docket"
 - To be added:
 - Nomination for Teacher of the Year
 - Membership Information
 - Possible Options:
 - Curricula from varying districts
 - Add teaser so there's an idea of the benefits of Members Only section.

Motion to Adjourn → Unanimous

Submitted by Joe Dwyer