

## Minutes from the 12/4/10 IFLTA Board Meeting

### Introductions

Members present: Nicci Saari, Adam Jones, Doris Webster, Beate Westerhouse, Jill Woerner, Beth Moller-Tank, Steve Ohlhaut, Mike Tsungwa, Jill Hickey, Julie Canady, Dave Banta, Ricky Baron, Angelika Becker, Pamela Gemmer

President Nicci Saari called the meeting to order at 10:30.

### Introductions

**Secretary's report:** Minutes are approved as corrected.

**Treasurer's Report:** Current balance \$ 21,196.35 without check for MC or conference bill from the Crowne Plaza Hotel. Report approved as reported.

**CSCTFL:** Jill Woerner thanked the constituent organizations for organizing the events and workshops.

Immersion day events are really exciting. We now need to promote the conference. Scholarships are still available. There is a Saturday only option. The FB group will receive updates. Angelika asked to invite friends who are associated with CSC or have other connections to CSCTFL.

**Conference Report:** Nicci explained the conference report. Comments about lack of exhibits: the exhibitors have to decide where to go. Fall-out from last conference because keynote speech went over allotted time last year and the exhibit break was lost for them. This year's keynote speech by Toni Theisen was well received.

Not enough universities participated in University Night. Universities need to know how participation will benefit them. We need to improve communication with the institutions by letting them know what information they should provide us and what the benefits will be for them.

Exhibitor Raffle should not be done on Friday; people who only come on Sat. can't participate. We should move it back to Saturday.

New Teacher Workshop: Format worked well. Maybe add one teacher from the lesser taught languages in the future.

Best of Indiana:

The two top rated sessions were

- German: Kunst, Kreativität, Konversation by Beth Moeller-Tank and Angelika Becker
- French: Games by Ricky Baron

After some discussion the board decided to award the “Best of IN” to Moeller/Becker. They will represent Indiana at CSCTFL in Milwaukee in 2012.

Julie Canady gave the conference expense report which was accepted with the additional figures for scholarship expenses to be added by Julie.

Jill Hickey gave conference exhibit report. Carlex didn't come because of last year's issues. Exhibitors would like a longer break, maybe about 50 minutes. Exhibitors were pleased with set-up, chairs, etc. Raffle on Saturday. Pam Gemmer offered to contact Carlex for next year. She will also contact Vision Wear and them to participate as well.

**Creative Project:** Nicci Saari reported on behalf of Silvia Hyde with the winner from this year's contest. Class project is a good idea. There is still not much participation but the word is getting out about the contest.

**Poster Contest:** Kudos to Shawn for leaving the poster contest in great shape. Pam Gemmer would like to move the contest to the fall. Deadline would be Sept. 15. Board agreed that it was a good idea.

**Teacher of the Year:** Doris Webster stresses that TOY must turn in their portfolios. Discussion about the process: Nominations from the constituent organizations must be sent to the ToY committee chair and the IFLTA president, who will send it on to the 1<sup>st</sup> VP for the conference program. This way there are enough safe guards to ensure correct printing in the program.

**Web Report:** Kudos go to Carol Goss for doing a wonderful job with our website. The handouts need to be sent to her so she can put in on the site.

**DoE Report:** Adam Jones: HB 6036 is supporting elementary programs at the federal level. IFLTA should advocate for it.

**ACTFL Delegate Report:** Nicci reported on the assembly; IFLTA is co-signatory for the bill HB 6036. The constituent organizations should be informed. Nicci shared a publication about enrollment. The assembly also worked on position statements.

**Scholarships:** No report from Nancy Loriaux.

Strasheim winner Diane Williamson gave session at IFLTA, no information how well received the session was. There were 6 conference attendees who received grants. Deadlines for conference grant will be changed to Sept. 1 in order to allow the conference chair to schedule the recipients as presiders. Strasheim applications are due on March 1<sup>st</sup>. Please publicize. It is for international travel only and up to \$ 1,500.00.

**Conference theme for 2011:** Nicci reported on behalf of Nancy Tilka with a list of possible conference themes. The board agreed upon: Languages at the Core of Success as the theme for this year.

**Keynote speaker:** Nicci reported on behalf of Nancy Tilka with a list of possible keynote speakers. We would like to invite Laura Terrill to be our keynote speaker. Nancy will contact her and negotiate the terms if she is available.

**IFLTA Delegates to CSCTFL 2011:** Nancy Tilka, Naomi Spector, Jill Hickey

**CSC Extension Workshop:** Board will send names to Nicci and vote on-line to send one person.

**Newsletter:** Beate Westerhouse will be our new editor. She will receive the material from Matt Miller. The board welcomed Beate and her willingness to serve.

**Constituent Organization Comments:**

AATF: Steve Ohlhaut: Good turn-out at IFLTA workshop, working on the AATF website uploading teachers' ideas, CSC workshop, instituted IU Honors grants. Ricky Baron: NW-Indiana: Increase membership monthly immersion dinners, spontaneous meeting, and advocacy issues.

AATG: Workshop went well at IFLTA, membership, workshop for Central States, no immersion this year. Glow site: Teachers should up-date their information on the site. Angelika Becker got elected as Central Representative on the AATG ExCo.

AATSP: Central States workshop: West Washington Street, lunch and Art Museum. Revamp Concorso, adding competitions. Membership increase follow-up. Entertainment for the reception at CSC.

AITJ: Mike Tsugawa: Good workshop, support from a Japanese outreach coordinator. IU is sponsoring a workshop on advocacy and AP this spring.

ICC: Workshop was round table, was well attended and very successful. Spring meeting of the ICC will take place on April 14 -16, 2011 at Crown Point.

IN-Nell: Fall event in October at IUB. Laura Terrill, Jackie Bott Van-Houten, Dean of IU opened the event. Swapshop was very successful. Bilingual story time is continuing at the Marion County Library. IN-Nell will offer ½ day workshop at CSC.

**Announcements:** Nicci is hosting the NNELL Swap Shop at CSC. She is the regional representative for NNELL.

May board meeting date has been changed to May 14 at the Sheraton at Keystone at the Crossing.

Meeting adjourned 1:25

Respectfully submitted

Angelika Becker, Past-President IFLTA