

Minutes
IFLTA Board of Directors
Park Tudor School Indianapolis
Saturday, August 12, 2006
10:15 – 1:00

Attendance:

Officers: Sarah DeMaris, Angelika Becker, Claudia Nole, Traci Rodgers, Lisa Calvin

Non-Officer Directors: Hannelore Weber, Guohe Zheng, Reena Evans, Pamela Valdes,
Kathy Darnell, David Banta

Committee Members: Nancy Doedens, Christopher Luke

Ex-officio: Adriana Melnyk

Guests: Edra Stafferi, Louisa LaGrotto

1. The meeting was called to order by IFLTA president, Sarah DeMaris, at 10:15 am.
2. Minutes from the May 6, 2006 meeting were approved as read online.
3. The treasurer, Lisa Calvin, reported that the total assets for IFLTA equal \$41,079.04.
4. The conference report was given by Angelika Becker. 75 conference proposals have been submitted and 72 slots are allotted. Those in attendance looked at lanyards options. Lanyards will be the give-away item at this year's conference. Kathy Darnell, in charge of exhibitors for the conference, reported that 27 exhibitors – five of which are new to the IFLTA conference - have reserved spots for November's conference. Julie Canady will be the new chair for the poster contest, replacing Rudie Buechlein. Pamela Valdes reminded us that information for the Creative Project Contest can be found on the IFLTA website. Claudia Nole and Lori Ryser will purchase the raffle prizes. Sarah DeMaris will prepare the folders for the conference. She informed those in attendance of items she needs from them for the folder and set a deadline of October 20, 2006 for receipt of those items.
5. The website manager's report was given by Carol Goss. Members are reminded to check the website for a list of the 2006 poster contest winners and images of their entries. Soon to be posted are the poster contest rules for 2007, a preliminary conference program and the fall newsletter.
6. Newsletter editor Bethany Roush was not in attendance. Those in attendance discussed on advertising in the IFLTA Newsletter. A motion was brought to the table to allow advertising in the newsletter and the motion was approved. Bethany will develop a policy for advertisers/advertising with regard to price per column inch and advertising space allowed.

7. Old Business

-By-Law revisions made by Sarah DeMaris were reviewed and suggestions made. Sarah will follow-up on those suggestions, provide updates via E-mail to members, and members will vote on the final revisions via E-mail.

-A retreat, in place of the spring board meeting, was discussed via E-mail prior to today's meeting. The retreat would help the board complete some long-term planning. The retreat is tentatively scheduled for April 27-28, 2007 and will be held in Valparaiso, Indiana.

-Nancy Doedens shared an updated version of the advocacy brochure. Nancy and Sarah will edit and take care of distribution of the brochure. The focus group for the final brochure will be school counselors.

8. New Business

-The new Coordinator of World Languages for Indiana, Adriana Melnyk, attended. She is currently working on revising/rewriting the world language standards, updating the enrollment trend information, updating the listserv and gearing up for textbook adoption.

-Christopher Luke, Ball State, who is working on Indiana's web presence in our ongoing efforts in advocacy, attended the Legislative Day in Washington D.C. He reported that there is a foreign language presence at the state and national level. There are budget increases for foreign language, where other budgets have been cut. Chris will be contacting members to alert them to new bills that affect foreign language and will provide information on how to contact legislators, senators, etc...

-Sarah DeMaris reported that the Holiday Inn Select at the Indianapolis airport is not available for our traditional conference dates in 2007. She will continue to investigate possibilities for 2007 and report on those at our next board meeting which is scheduled for December 2, 2006.

The meeting was adjourned at 1:00
Recorded by: Traci Rodgers