

Minutes
IFLTA Board of Directors
Park Tudor School Indianapolis
Saturday, December 2, 2006
10:15 – 1:00

Attendance:

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

Non-Officer Directors: Hank Schwab, Guohe Zheng, Mindy Zhang, Pamela Valdes,
Nancy Newton, David Banta

Committee Members: Nancy Doedens, Christopher Luke, Julie Canady, Carol Goss

Ex-officio: Adriana Melnyk

Guests: Edra Stafferi

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 \$70,228.56. Lisa also provided 2006 Conference Data related to the IFLTA budget.
4. The conference report was given by Angelika Becker. A 2006 IFLTA Conference Report sharing basic statistics and descriptions was given by Angelika. The following suggestions have been given for the 2007 conference: The topic of *The Benefits of Foreign Language Learning for Cognitive Development* for the keynote, a No Refund policy to be put in the program, Randa Duvick with represent us at CSC for the Best of Indiana, the New Teacher Workshop will begin or end a half hour earlier and the additional half hour will be a meet and greet time for the new teacher and constituent organization presidents.
5. The website manager's report was given by Carol Goss. Those in attendance were provided with a list of changes/additions to the web since August, needs for the future and reminders.
6. Newsletter editor Bethany Roush was not in attendance. Those in attendance discussed what style of paper to use for publishing the newsletter – it was decided the least expensive option be used and that the data base be updated so that all members receive a copy of the newsletter. The next newsletter will be published March 15, 2007 and the deadline for submissions is February 1, 2007.
7. Advocacy was reported on by Chris Luke. Members are encouraged to check the IFLTA website for the new advocacy link.

8. Department of Education Report from Adriana Melnyk. The big project being worked on at the IDOE is the revision of World Language Standards. They will be K-12 with entry points at grade six and nine. Spanish for Heritage Speakers and American Sign Language will also be included in the standards. Members are reminded to join the IDOE listserv to be kept up to date on all things related to world language education in the state of Indiana.

9. Old Business

-The IFLTA Board of Directors meeting originally scheduled for April 27-28 has been rescheduled for May 4-5 in Valparaiso. The March 17 meeting remains as scheduled in Indianapolis.

-Conference venue for 2008, 2009...The 2007 conference will be held a week later at the Holiday Inn Select. Sarah DeMaris and Angelika Becker are looking at other options for future years due to capacity and hotel design issues.

-CSCTFL 2011 will be held in Indianapolis.

8. New Business

-CSC Extension Workshop: "A New Perspective on Assessment: A Holistic Approach" will be attended by an IFLTA member and the association will in some way financially support this member's attendance. The member will be required to give a presentation at the 2007 IFLTA fall conference.

-The Meeting Connection: outsourcing the conference. This company is used by our Ohio counterpart to outsource many of the logistics of hosting a conference. Sarah DeMaris has contacted the company about the possibility of outsourcing the registration and the formatting of the program for the 2007 IFLTA fall conference. Claudia Nole made a motion to approve pursuing this option and Lisa Calvin seconded the motion.

-ACTFL Teacher of the Year 2007 (just selected), 2008, and 2009. The Indiana Teacher of the Year at CSC will be selected from the IFLTA Teacher of the Year winners in August. Claudia Nole will be Indiana's representative at the regional level. A motion to establish this as our process for selecting Indiana's representative was made by Angelika Becker and seconded by Traci Rodgers

The meeting was adjourned at 1:00

Recorded by: Traci Rodgers