

Minutes  
IFLTA Board of Directors  
Park Tudor School, Indianapolis  
Saturday, March 18, 2006  
10:00 – 12:30

Attendance:

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

Non-Officer Directors: Hannelore Weber, Guohe Zheng, Reena Evans, Pamela Valdes

Committee Members: Nancy Doedens, Carol Goss

Ex-officio: Kristin Hoyt

Guests: Edra Stafferi

1. The meeting was called to order by IFLTA president, Sarah DeMaris, at 10:08 am.
2. Minutes from the December 3, 2006 meeting were approved as read online.
3. The treasurer's report prepared by our outgoing officer, Rhonda Pool-von Werder, was distributed. Total assets at present: \$42,748.36
4. The conference report was given by Angelika Becker. All conference forms and information on the keynote speaker are available on the IFLTA website. The 2006 theme will be "Discover Languages: Discover the World".
5. The website manager's report was given by Carol Goss. She gave a detailed report of the additions and changes made to the IFLTA website and reminds visitors to hit the "refresh" button if information does not appear to be available.
6. The newsletter report was not given as Bethany Roush was not in attendance. The current newsletter should be available for viewing on the website. Officers, members and guests in attendance discussed future options of making the newsletter available to all IFTLA members.
7. Old Business

-Streamlining the "Teacher of the Year" nomination and selection process was a topic of discussion. Barbara de Gortari has volunteered to work on guidelines for submitting the portfolio. Upon completion, these will be available on the IFLTA website. Persons interested in helping Barbara are encouraged to contact her.

-The Advocacy brochure was presented. Based on the discussion Sarah has asked officers, members and guests to look at the advantages of IFLTA publishing a brochure as opposed to purchasing brochures from someone like the Center for Applied Linguistics.

-Pamela Valdes provided us information on the Teacher/Student Creativity Project Contest. Sarah has asked that we review this information and discuss it at our next board meeting.

#### 8. New Business

-Claudia Nole reported on the CSC Delegate Assembly which she attended on March 9, 2006 in Chicago. Indianapolis has been invited to host CSC in either 2011 or 2012. We also discussed the possibility of having a board retreat once a year.

-Sarah will follow up to see if we can enter two in the Best of Indiana for CSC 2007. Our entries would be German teachers Becker and Rosenbaum.

-Lorraine A. Strasheim Scholarship applications were due March 1, 2006. There were no applicants this year.

-Kristin Hoyt reported on the new federal initiatives proposed by President Bush. She reminded us to look for the offering of FLAP grants in the near future. She also announced her resignation from the IDOE, as she will begin a position with Kennesaw State University in Georgia as Assistant Professor of French and Foreign Language Education in June.

-Sarah is a member of the Foreign Language Task Force and will have more to share with us about this task force in May.

9. Reena Evans gave a report from her constituent organization, ICLASS. 21 teachers will be traveling to China and will attend workshops on the ethnic groups of China, methodology and the Olympics.

The meeting was adjourned at 12:30  
Recorded by: Traci Rodgers