

Minutes  
IFLTA Board of Directors  
Park Tudor School Indianapolis  
Saturday, March 17, 2007  
10:10 – 12:50

Attendance:

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

Non-Officer Directors: Hank Schwab, Mindy Zhang, Molly Murphy designate for Pamela Valdes, Tim Long and Steve Gribbs designates for David Banta, Carol Goss designate for Kathy Darnell and Linda Atwood

Committee Members: Julie Canady

Guests: Edra Stafferi and designate for Nancy Newton

1. The meeting was called to order by IFLTA president, Sarah DeMaris, at 10:10 am.
2. Minutes from the December 2, 2006 meeting were approved as read online.
3. The treasurer, Lisa Calvin, reported that the total assets for IFLTA equal \$52,691.13.
4. The conference report was given by Angelika Becker. The conference theme for 2007 will be New Languages, New Lives! In regards to the 2007 conference the following items were discussed: University Night attendance was down for 2006. No competing events should be scheduled until after 7:30 on University Night. 2007 is an adoption year and Angelika will be contacting publishers to see if they would like to underwrite a portion of the expenses from the wine tasting event and the conference meals. Several keynote speakers were discussed and Angelika will be contacting presenters from CSC who spoke on the topic of technology. In the past, the winning poster from the poster contest was sold. Julie Canady will look into the option of having the top winners made into poster cards to replace the sale of the posters. The IFLTA webpage will have a link on conference tips based on 2006 conference evaluations. The program for 2007 will note exhibitor sessions as such. Grant recipients will be required to preside over two sessions beginning with the 2007 conference. Session proposals for the 2007 conference are due by June 30. Angelika will target a few presenters to offer mini-workshops during the Saturday afternoon session times. The 2007 conference will be held at the Holiday Inn Select from November 8-10.
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 December.
6. Newsletter editor Bethany Roush was not in attendance. March 15, 2007 was the latest publication date. Members should be receiving the newsletter soon.

7. Department of Education Report from Sarah DeMaris designate for Adriana Melnyk. Those in attendance were provided with a list of important IDOE events. Please check the IDOE website for events and updates.

#### 8. Old Business

-The IFLTA Board of Directors meeting originally scheduled for April 27-28 has been rescheduled for May 4-5 in Valparaiso. The purpose of the retreat will be to enable/empower the constituent organizations to strategically plan and work on topics of their choice. Officers in the constituent organizations are encouraged to invite new faces to the retreat and can invite a maximum of six guests. Sarah needs a final list of those who will be attending by April 6, 2007 in order to make hotel arrangements. IFLTA will cover the cost of the hotels and meals for the retreat. The tentative schedule includes dinner at 6:00 on May 4<sup>th</sup>, with the retreat ending at 3:00 on May 5<sup>th</sup>. Ultimately, if the constituent organizations are strong, IFLTA is strong!

-Conference venue for 2008, 2009...The 2007 conference will be held a week later at the Holiday Inn Select. Sarah DeMaris and Angelika Becker have looked at the Marriott East as a future venue. It does appear that the Holiday Inn Select is our best option for now and in the future.

-A motion to outsource conference registration duties was made by Claudia Nole and a second was given by Hank Schwab. This outsourcing will greatly improve the registration process, but will require a conference fee re-structuring. The re-structuring will include the following: regular pre-registration \$55, retiree registration \$45, student registration \$25, regular on-site registration \$70, retiree on-site registration \$60, student on-site registration \$35 and lunch \$16.

#### 8. New Business

-Proposed Indiana State Standards for World Language were discussed. If you have any comments please share them with Sarah DeMaris before April 15, 2007. By this date, Sarah must supply an official IFLTA response to the proposed standards to Sue Ellen Reed.

-The CSC Delegation report was given by Angelika Becker. Those in attendance were provided with a summary report.

#### 9. Constituent Organization Reports

-Molly Murphy reported that IN-NELL hosted two workshops and presenters in January and March and both were well attended.

The meeting was adjourned at 12:50

Recorded by: Traci Rodgers

