

ATNBC - Arkansas Teachers for National Board Certification

Minutes of a Meeting of the Board of Directors

Monday, November 16, 2009

Harding University Thornton Center, Searcy, Arkansas

President Vera Leath called the meeting to order at 5:40 p.m. Members present included: Dr. Clara Carroll, Mara Cawein, Cyndi Matthews, Lou Ethel Nauden, Karen Mullenix, Jesse Gunter, & Mickey Cox

Minutes of the previous meeting were distributed. Motion to approve minutes—Mullenix/Gunter

Treasurer's Report presented by Mara Cawein. Balance \$8011.33

Old Business

Suzanne Kunkels is waiting to hear from NBPTS regarding our organization's official name change.

Mara Cawein will get name changed on our bank accounts.

Jesse Gunter distributed a letter to send to legislators on behalf of ATNBC. After much discussion regarding ways to approach legislative efforts and government officials it was decided that members of the board should find a way to meet with the governor on behalf of NBCTs and that we should try to schedule a reception for legislators who are members of committees whose decisions impact the National Board program and NBCTs. In some states there is a movement away from state financial support and incentives for the NBPTS process and for NBCTs.

ATNBC Annual Conference

Theme—Reach for the Stars (reflects new logo)

Keynote Speakers—Corey Oliver, Jerry Parks, Michael Rowland

Registration—American Heritage Center lobby

Membership/Nominations—still soliciting nominations for elected board offices

Professional development sign-in sheets will involve labels and forms for easier, instantaneous, & more accurate accountability.

T-shirts/Bags

Door Prizes/Presenter gifts

Jesse Gunter will compile donor lists to be included in conference programs.

ATNBC will award two \$350 scholarships to nonsupported (state/federal funds) NBPTS candidates, freshly minted, nonsupported NBCTs, or renewal candidates at the 2010 conference. Recipients will be chosen by drawing from among applicants at the conference. Must be present to win. Cox/Cawein

New Business

There are still changes to be made to the website.

Lou Ethel Nauden proposed that ATNBC should begin moving future conferences (after January 30, 2010) away from their traditional, intense focus on NBPTS candidacy. Candidates get lots of support from other sources. As many NBCTs as there are now practicing Arkansas, the ATNBC conference should begin to shift its focus more to advocacy and to working toward what Arkansas NBCTs united could accomplish for education in Arkansas and the U.S.

The board will convene on the eve of the conference to put finishing touches on preparations. All other duties have been delegated and communications regarding the conference will be via email.

Board members are grateful to Dr. Carroll for dinner and snacks and for all the logistical work on the conference—reserving lecture halls, dining rooms, reception area, arranging for Aramark meals, etc.

President Leath adjourned the meeting at 8:06 p.m.