

Washington Association for Middle Level Education (WAMLE)
Meeting Minutes for February 10, 2007
Park Place Middle School, Monroe, WA

Attending

Dr. Connie Weiner, Pres.
Keith Salyer, Sec.
Rick Boyle, Treas.
JoAnne Carbonetti, host
Brian Jones

Jack Berkmeyer, NMSA
Jan Burgess, OMLA; NMSA
Dotty Shireman (webmaster)
Ben Talbot

Call meeting to order 10:35

Introductions:

Jan Burgess Regional Representative from NMSA¹ will be working with WAMLE in Jack's absence. Jan will attend the meetings and provide ongoing guidance as we progress through the year.

Old Business:

Approval of minutes was tabled due to lack of quorum.

NMSA WORKSHOP

- Walt Grevey from Nuts & Bolts will provide fliers and a free registration for N&B. The registration will be given at the preconference meeting on Friday evening.
- Need to get fliers regarding the conference out. WAMLE will get \$5.00 per registration, but if we get over 200 we get \$10.00 per registrant.
- Need to get information to Chris Brantley to see if we can get it out to Oregon Middle Level Association at their Conference and/or newsletter.
- Registration cap at 320 participants.
- WAMLE Reception – Winery at the University on Friday

WAMLE WEBSITE

- <http://wamle.com>
- Dotty presented the website
- Dotdashwebdesign.com is her business website; email her at dorothyshireman@gmail.com for site concerns
- Board members need to write a biographies & send with a photo to Dotty for the website
- Lunar Server Pages will host Email accounts for the board members.
- Back articles will be posted on the web on a one year delayed basis.
- Links to consider include: AWSP Job, EDZAP.com, WATEACH.com, as well as OMLA Network (Oregon Middle Level Association)

¹ National Middle School Association, located in Ohio; OMLA is Oregon Middle Level Association

- History on the organization will go on the history pages.
 - Reference European League of Middle School website that uses the affiliate of the National Middle School Middle Association
 - Conference & Membership to NMSA Website
 - *About WAMLE* should include a history of the NMSA also

NEWSLETTER

- 4 newsletters a year
- Late on this month's due to late submission to Ben & some technical issues.
- Salyer will take over – *Tips Corner* from John
- Writing Prompts out to the schools – Connie will have them mailed to the University & scored by CWU students – winners will be published in June Edition
- Up coming events – will be put in the newsletter (all)
 - Next Meetings:
 - March 31st 2007 in Ellensburg
 - June 9th 2007 at Rainer MS in Auburn
- Request for Articles from Board Members
- Theme for the March newsletter *Hang in There*
- Kathy will submit an article
- Deadline for the material to get to Ben by March 1, 2007
- Mike McClosky will be requested to do a short review of the Washington ML Education for the newsletter & website
- Student work - ?
- June issue thoughts – Relationships “Thank You for A Great Year”

New Business

Recruiting New Board Members

- Need 2-3 new members
- Need diversity of the group so we need to get Principals, teachers, teacher education students, State Department of Education, etc.
- Recommended that we seek out presenters after events to recruit to the organization.
- Survey at the NMSA workshop and follow up ASAP

Communication Issues

- Connie is having trouble getting timely feedback regarding issues and correspondence. She requests people pay closer attention to email. Possibility of doing phone conference if need arises.
- Problem in getting the mail to/from the PO Box in Lakewood
- Ben will pick up the mail (get key to him from Kathy) until Rick gets the mail set up at a PO Box in Seattle.

Sponsorship Possibilities

- Prentice Hall
- Apple Growers
- The amounts of the 3 grants will be:
 - Promising Practitioner Award (\$250.00)
 - Master in the Middle Award (\$250.00)
 - Student of the Year Award (\$50.00)
- Comcast
- Costco

Budget:

- The current budget total is \$5,214.89
- 1 new member
- The phone for WAMLE is paid on a yearly basis
- Invoice for conference room in Nashville still needs to be paid. (approx. \$1,200.00)

Constitution Change

- First Read on Constitution
- Second reading and vote at June meeting

Affiliate Leaders Summit

- Nominations for board members to attend
- Columbus, OH in July 12-14, 2007

Approval of the October Minutes

- Rick & Ben arrived and a quorum was reached
 - Motion to accept – JoAnne, Second Brian – Motion Carried

Jack Berkmeier's Discussion Highlights:

- Directory of affiliates is available and is being mailed to each affiliate
- Jan Burgess will be attending meetings and will be a local contact for NMSA
- Changes at NMSA – Jack is now handling the site-based coordination
- Director of Conferences and Events – Al Summers is the new contact
- New Executive Director should be in place by July 1st
- Portland / Seattle possible future conference 2014(?)

Meeting Adjourned at 1:50 PM