

MSTA Board Meeting
January 24, 2013

These minutes have not yet been approved and are subject to change

Members Present: , Beth Thomas, Carol Pleninger, Kristen Crawford, Rick Hannula, Patrick McNelly, Kim Popham, Lori Chapman, Chris DeWald, John Graves

Beth opened the meeting at 5:10 pm.

Kristen Crawford moved to approve the minutes from October 17, 2012 and Kim seconded. These minutes were approved.

Financial Report:

Carol presented the financial report. The current balance is \$3,645.66. There are issues with reimbursement from MEA-MFT and a discussion ensued.

A discussion about reimbursement for Board members to attend conference was held. A suggestion was made to restructure Regions to align with RESAs.

Regional Representative Reports: Beth summarized reports from Karen Hutchinson, Mary Leonard, Daniel Baker, Sara Lord and David McDonald.

Rick Hannula reported that teachers are overwhelmed with Common Core math. He also mentioned his school's involvement in Science Fairs.

Patrick McNelly reported that Billings is gearing up for Science Fair/Expo. Some cooperation from the paleontology folks in Billings with high school groups. Rock and mineral show was recently held. Youth geology group. Patrick is working on a grant to secure a submarine for the Montana Learning Center.

Kim reported that folks are focusing on the AP Biology changes that reflect NGSS drafts. She encourages high school teachers to apply for the Murdock Scholarship Program.

Kristen reported that she's working on learning the ropes as the Elementary Representative. She's been presenting NGSS related workshops to elementary Helena teachers. She facilitated an NGSS faculty workshop at MSU. She's also working with RESA's. She also reported that she is the World in Motion trainer.

John reported the status of the newsletter, website, listserv and Facebook.

Kristen volunteered to take responsibility for the newsletter.

Old Business: A discussion about NGSS at both the state and national level was held.

The NSTA National Conference and fall MSTAs Conferences were mentioned as points of interest.

Beth gave an update on eCyber Mission. MSTA applied and received \$500 reimbursement for program promotion.

Beth wrote a letter of support for a Montana Watercourse grant.

New Business: Summer meeting logistics were discussed. Beth will send out a survey to find a good time for a summer conference call meeting.

John mentioned the MPRES grant.

Beth mentioned that Math/Science Leadership dates may be moved to Monday/Tuesday next year.

John reported on the letter of support for Todd Morstein's grant. John will get questions answered before writing the letter.

Beth adjourned the meeting at 6:50.

Respectfully submitted,

John Graves

Action Points:

Carol will send a list of delinquent members to John.

Beth will ask Ken if he can represent MSTA at the Common Core meeting at the Monday meeting.

Beth will survey the Board to determine the best time for a summer conference.

Beth will chair a committee with Kim, Rick and Kristen to work on a Board job description document.

John will request that each District Representative contact the delinquent members and ask them to rejoin.

John will contact Cathy Warner and ask to be placed on the permanent list of Conference chairs for MEA.

John and the Presidential Chain and Treasurer will complete the MEA-MFT Letter of Agreement by the end of February.

John and the Presidential Chain will draft a recommendation about reimbursement for Board member travel to Conferences.

John and the Presidential Chain will discuss Karen Hutchinson's tenure as Regional Director.

John will work with Kristen to create the next newsjournal.

John and the Presidential Chain will work on developing plans for fund raising.

John and the Presidential Chain will work on developing a proposal to fund a representative to National Congress for Science Education.

John will contact Todd for more information about his letter of support request.