

NCSTA Board Meeting Minutes

January 27, 2018

Motions are in bold.

President Mike Tally called the meeting to order at 10:00 am.

Others Present Were: Angela Adams, Carol Moore (on Google Hangout), Cliff Hudson, Michelle Chadwick, Evelyn Baldwin, Erica Caine, Valerie Sellars, Rebecca Robison, Sharon Green, Meridith Mitchell, Joette Midgett, Nathan Stack, Mary Ellen Durham, Carol Maidon, Sandra Weitzel, Lori Khan, Carrie Jones, Randy Bechtel, Becky Dunstan, and Manley Midgett.

Mike asked about preferences and ordered pizza for lunch. Next, he conducted an Ice Breaker activity where each member shared two truths and one lie about themselves and everyone tried to guess which was a lie. There was a lot of laughter and many surprises. Who knew that we have a former manager of the Sears make-up counter and a professional belly dancer in the group!

The minutes of the October meeting were emailed to everyone and corrections consisted of adding the names of Erica, Sharon and Ralston James to the list of those present at the meeting. **Carolyn Maidon moved to accept the minutes and Evelyn Baldwin seconded.**

Motion was passed.

Mike explained that since Brad Woodard was elected NCSTA Secretary, Cliff Hudson was appointed to serve as District 1 Director. Also, the person elected to District 2 Director had to resign to finish his PhD., so Michelle Chadwick was appointed as District 2 Director. Since Justin Tillett resigned as Treasurer due to work and family commitments, the Executive Committee appointed Manley Midgett to act as the Interim Treasurer until another is elected this year.

As Fred Beyer's family executed his last will, they found that he left an endowment to NCSTA to be managed by the NC Community Foundation. Joette Midgett read a letter to the Board from the Foundation explaining the endowment and asking the NCSTA Board to formally accept the yearly dividends from this endowment. It is estimated that NCSTA would receive about \$500 per year to be used in a general un-restricted way. **Manley Midgett made a motion to let the Foundation know that NCSTA will accept these yearly funds. Carol Maidon seconded the motion and it passed unanimously.**

The Business Manager's report was delivered by Joette. She handed out copies of the Balance Sheet and Profit and Loss Statement which had been emailed to the Board earlier. She discussed both forms and explained how we made a profit last year, even though our attendance at the PDI was lower. We had about 532 attending with 5 payments outstanding. She also said that the reimbursement checks will look different and come directly from the

State Employee's Credit Union. She also explained how we still have an audit trail event though she is not hand-writing checks.

We had only one complaint from a teacher who was confused about registration for workshops vs. general registration. She gave the percentages from each district that attended and the number of members by district. She noted that we have a lot of competition for PDI participants and have two years to plan the 2019 PDI "right" to increase attendance. Angela suggested that we consider more on-line professional development such as the popular Ed Camps. Randy mentioned a grant he wrote to support teachers to attend.

Next, the budget was discussed, and last year's budget was compared to the one proposed for 2018. She explained how travel for District Directors is clumped together for fairness and about CAGs, operation and web hosting expenses. Carol Moore indicated that she will not attend CAGs, so the budget can be reduced by \$1,500. Joette also explained where funds were not used as no one applied for a grant last year. It was noted that someone must have been a member for one year before they can apply for a grant. Drive-in workshops were mentioned as something we can do this year, since we are not running the conference. Rebecca Robison offered to find us a site at CMS if we need a space to meet at the conference. **Rebecca made a motion to accept the budget as amended, second by Cliff Hudson and the motion passed unanimously.**

After lunch, Alice Hinman from Apiopolis-Urban Bee Sanctuary, spoke to the group and showed slides. Her message was about the importance of bees and conservation of their habitat. She explained how several organizations and schools are working to provide habitat and food to support bee populations. Her contact information is alicehinman@gmail.com.

President Tally asked the District Directors to share what is happening in their district. Several mentioned how they are just getting acclimated to the position. Joette offered to send them contact information for members from their district or to send complete emails for them if they can not send out bulk emails. It was noted that all email must be NCSTA business only. District 3 has a Presidential Award finalist who is mainly math, but also teaches science. Girls Clubs are growing and thriving in District 7. A Darwin Day is planned for February 12th in District 8. Randy mentioned upcoming Earthquake Awareness workshops.

A message was passed on from Ann about awards. It is important to have nominations for the Distinguished Teacher Awards from all 8 Districts at the elementary, middle and high school levels by the May 5th Board meeting. There are also other state-wide awards available. Check out our website for a description of those. Nominations must go through the website so we will have contact information and support letters for nominees in one place.

Joette and Mary Ellen are working on descriptions of jobs and responsibilities for the various Board positions. This will help everyone know what to do and when so that we can meet deadlines and get the job done.

Mary Ellen reported that nominations are going more smoothly. She stressed that we need nominations this year for President-Elect, Treasurer, and the Districts with odd numbers (1,3,5,7).

Manley explained the NCSTA schedule for the conference this year. NSTA will provide us a large ballroom for our meeting. We may have to pay for the AV. He will submit the room request form next week. We plan to start with a Share-a-plooza, then a main speaker, business meeting, and awards ceremony. The reception will depend on whether we can get funding for it.

The following people volunteered to head the effort in getting folks to share. Manley will let them know how many presenters to gather and other logistics for the Share-a-plooza. Elementary –Carol Maidon, Middle School – Meredith Mitchell, Biology – Sharon Green, Physical Sciences – Lori Khan, and Earth Science – Randy Bechtel;

A discussion about District Drive-in Conferences followed. There is a small amount of funding in the budget for those, but Manley will write a grant for more support. Mike attended one in District 8 this year and was pleased with the way it went. He is asking each District Director to plan one either this spring, summer or fall. District Directors are charged with finding a place, then a date. Next, it is important to have a topic that will attract teachers to participate. Some example topics were given such as available resources, science that helps improve literacy, and assessments that check understanding of standards. Mike, Manley and Angela volunteered to work with District Directors in choosing a topic or assisting with planning. It was noted that a Summer Drive-in must be announced to teachers by April to have time to attract participants. The fee structure was discussed and Carol Maidon said that she has a lot of “no-shows” if a workshop is free. It was mentioned that we might charge and give a partial refund to those who show or to charge about \$50.00 and include lunch and a free one-year membership. It was noted that we should show value to the workshops.

The discussion ended due to time. The meeting was adjourned at 2:15 pm.

The next meetings will be May 5th and August 11th. Please plan to be there.

Respectfully submitted by Manley Midgett for Brad Woodard on January 28, 2018.