

**GCTE Executive Board Meeting
February 10, 2007**

Agenda:

Call to order: The meeting was called to order at 10:08 a.m. Members present are Jim Cope, Gerald Boyd, Alan Perry, Julie Rucker, Merrill Davies, Sharon Augustine, Dawn Kirby, Pearl McHaney, Cassandra Smith, Kathleen McKenzie, Carolyn Coleman, Jim Hill, Patti McWhorter, Brenda Logan, Nancy Renmler, Jean Copland

Minutes of last board meeting-.

Jim Hill made a motion to accept the minutes. Dawn seconded. From last meeting- Cassandra and Kathleen, Diana- names need to be added. Motion -Unanimously accepted

Treasurers Report:

Gerald made motion to accept the report. Kathleen seconded. Unanimously passed

Director's Reports:

Director 1 (Diversity)-Jim Hill- Four applications were submitted for the award . Two were incomplete. The requirement is that the student is non-caucasian. Both winners were excellent.

Director 2 (Publications): Jean Copland-Jean thanked Gerald for being a co-editor. Due date for the next issue is February 15. There is a need for news-netters. The next issue will be available approximately March 15.

Kathleen would like to recognize students who completed the process of applying for scholarships in Scribbles. She would also like to include the award winners.

Director 3 (Membership): Patti McWhorter-attached sheet. We have 617 active members. Over 1400 on the computer. She is purging for addresses. The response to the mail is 1%.

Director 4 (Conferences): Alan Perry- There were 224 who pre-registered, 21 on-site.. There were 44 students, 5 retired. There were 90 non-members There were 20 who paid a late fee. There are 10 who still owe. There were 250 programs that were printed. We had people from Alaska. The presenters were from New York, Illinois, Florida, Tennessee, Alabama, Michigan, We made \$10,000 from vendors. Thank you, Gerald. Next year's conference will be in Callaway. Calvin Sims was the best speaker. We may have Judith Ortiz Cofer, Melissa Faye Greene, and Jimmy Carter. He will be checking with Jekyll for 2009. Alan proposed possibility of changing board meeting to Thursday

evening. The numbers were very close to last year. Last meeting we looked at summer meeting. We will not have one this summer. Alan will be looking at the Armstrong Center in Savannah. Gerald commented he would like to see this conference enlarge instead of looking at a summer conference. Dawn is looking at the Kennesaw Writing Project having a conference next year. GCTE might want to piggyback with the conference. We may want to look at the Georgia Humanities Council, Laura McCarty. Next year we will explore a summer conference-Shakespeare, Writing Projects.

Director 5 (Teacher/School Awards): Julie Rucker-We had 19 total nominations. We had 3 winners. Julie needs help on recruiting elementary teacher. We had more nominations from elementary population, but they did not turn the packet in. Most of the elementary teachers go to the Georgia Reading Association.

Director 6 (Student Awards)-We may not need this position. We have people working publications, and student awards. We may need to leave this unfilled at this time. We need to look at the constitution and bylaws.

Director 7 (Technology): Jim Cope- The website gets about 1500 hits per month. Jim has e-mail addresses for approximately 1500 English teachers.

Director 8 (College Relationships)-Dawn Kirby-Dawn worked with Ellis Award. She worked with the Teacher mini-grants.

NCTE Liaison Report: Merrill Davies-Sharon and Merrill went to the business meeting at NCTE.

There is a concern about submissions for Mindscapes. She has only received one. Jim will send out information concerning this to the 1500 English teachers for which he has e-mail addresses. Merrill will go with what we have this year instead of extending the deadline.

GLAS / State Dept. Report: Christy McCarley (DOE) will join us at our next meeting.

SLATE Report: Pearl McHaney- In the December report, there was only one Georgia Challenge-The Bronze Bow. Pearl made a motion to buy the book-Rationale for Challenged Books, Gerald seconded. Pearl would keep a copy of the book. She will be our resource. Passed unanimously. NCTE sponsors a day in Washington, April 26, 2007, Education Policy and Language Arts day.

Historian's Report: Carolyn Coleman-She now has the file cabinet.

Public Relations Chair: Adam Hathaway:-

Not present. If you have newspaper articles on GCTE members, please send to Adam.

Georgia Writing Project Liaison: Nancy Remler-She thinks that someone else should take this role since she has taken on the role of Connections editor. Dawn Kirby nominated Alyssa Daniel.

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NCTE Promising Young Writers Chair: Anna Nero-not present. The writing materials in process.

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Old Business

NCTE Affiliate Leadership Meeting-Cassandra and Kathleen will go in June 24. We can send three members. Brenda Logan said that she will go to the meeting. Alan made motion, Jim seconded. Passed unanimously.

Teacher Mini-Grants -6 for \$5378

Summer mini-conference

New Business:

Director 6 (Student Awards)

Mileage Rate to meetings-will not change

New Literary Map-NCTE wants all affiliates to update or create literary maps. We need to try to have it published by our next conference. Alan would like to send copies out to every school in the state. We need to look at grant funding. Alan made a motion that we have a new literary map for NCTE meeting in November with Alan, Kathleen and Terry Kay working on this. Cassandra seconded it. Kathleen will chair this. We will have historical information, characters, and other things on this map. It will need to be larger. This will cost approximately 2000-3000 dollars. Passed unanimously.

Bible Literacy courses- In January, the courses were passed. English teachers will be in charge of teaching these courses.

Date for next meeting: The next meeting will be on June 2, 2007 in Warner Robins.
Adjourned at 4:42 p.m.