

Minutes
CASL Board Meeting
Wednesday April 7, 2010
Cheshire High School

Present: Chris Barlow, Kate Candido, Martha Djang, Jackie Galante, Kari Karp, Mary Ellen Minichiello, Sara Kelley-Mudie, Janet Roche, Nancy Shwartz, Ellen Speirs, Carolyn Shea, Shelley Stedman, Mary Lou Cassotto, , Irene Kwidzinski, Mary Shukie

Absent: David Bilmes, Jennifer Cirino, Audrey Daigneault, Maureen Hinkley, Denise Kennedy, Jane Martellino, Susan McKenna, Katrina Palazzolo, Lucia Rafala, Diane Strumello, Toby Zabinski

Call to order by Mary Lou at 6:35

Approval of minutes Moved by Janet Second by Martha. Approved unanimously.

Treasurer's Report March 3, 2010 through April 6, 2010. Inflow: \$728. Outflow: \$4,019.60. Year to date (June 1, 2009 through April 6, 2010) Inflow: \$13,020.50. Outflow: \$33,576.78. Overall total: -\$20,556.28. Wrapping up books on joint conference and should get CASL's share within a couple weeks. Moved by Irene, second by Diane. Approved unan.

President's report: No report

Professional Development Team Report

Twenty-five presenters confirmed for conference so far, and may get more. Doing one book, one conference breakfast instead of administrator's breakfast. Pre-conference would be more hands on Web 2.0 type of program. Keynote speaker Buffy Hamilton would also be possible presenter at pre-conference.

Protraxx update - Susan and I had an implementation meeting with our Protraxx rep via Webex (very simple) 2 weeks ago. We are gathering necessary info and data and forwarding to Protraxx. Susan and I will be trained in early May. We should be up and running by June 1st. (Kate Candido)

Advocacy Team Report: Awards presentations will be made at Spring Fling April 28. All winners have been notified and the list of winners posted on the web site. Discussion of producing advocacy brochure for parents to hand out highlighting what we do. Mary Lou has created a Facebook page We Love Connecticut School Libraries. There are a number of YouTube videos highlighting day in the life of school library. All of these can be incorporated.

Membership Team Report: Talk about membership renewal. Report on how the new teacher session went. 59 signed up for Spring Fling so far. Will have Anne W. send out

reminder. Deadline is April 20. Will send out reminder card for membership that is from July 1 to June 30. Will be standardizing and streamlining membership form online. Mid May renewal cards sent out. Email reminders early June then mid June. Possible reminders in CASLGram. At this time there are 893 members with a 6/30/10 expiration date

New Business

1. Proposal to conduct a communications survey of members during the second week of April as Email will be sent out to direct to page on web site to how they want to receive their communication. The survey will include the suggestions of David and Irene and is posted on the discussion page.

LMSs being cut in our state. What can CASL do as an organization? Advocacy is working on creating a toolkit. There is something on web site for Board members for policies and procedures. Link will be put on web site to AASL Advocacy toolkit. How to advocate for your program. List will be put up with access information. What can our members do? Suggestions have been made (writing letters, contacting local legislators, etc.)

CASL is doing the following, but we are a voluntary organization and need the participation of members as well as the membership of those in the profession.

Web page for Advocacy

Provide PD so we can be best we can in our profession.

Try to collaborate with State DOE as best we can.

Attend AASL Affiliate Assembly to bring to national attention

Highlight programs and individuals through awards.

Membership sent out questionnaire as to what they expect of CASL. Chart with proposed eliminations and state of CT schools regarding LMS's needs to be discussed.

4. Proposal that the VP Intern act as Parliamentarian. Janet will provide a copy of Roberts Rules of Order. Sara Kelly Mudie will serve in this role.

Old Business

1. Concerns and commendations

2. Communications Survey

Motion to adjourn by Janet at 7:35 second by Irene.