

Minutes – Winter Council Meeting January 9, 2010

The meeting was held at Ann Gerig's home
1048 69th Avenue NE, Salem, Oregon 97317

The meeting was preceded by an executive meeting which was comprised of an STP report. We currently have 83 members.

WBEA 2014 was discussed. Mary Ann reported on hotels and the impact of people choosing to attend NBEA that year instead of WBEA since they are both in the Northwest. She brought up the idea of having 2014 be a wildcard year and us applying to do 2015 instead of 2014. It was noted that we need to let NBEA/ WBEA conference committees know of our plans.

We reviewed a list of people who belong to NBEA and not OBEA and another list of those who belong to OBEA and not NBEA. We discussed soliciting those on the NBEA list to join OBEA. It was also noted that it is highly recommended for any persons on council to belong to NBEA as well as OBEA.

We looked at an organizational chart, We discussed who would be doing what for several years out.

At 9:20 a.m the official OBEA Winter Council meeting was called to order by Christy Ekroth.

Those present: Patti Sessions, Janet Strong, Andrea Pace, Linda Owen-Cooper, Krista Hartman, Michael Morrell, Mary Ann Lammers, Christy Ekroth, Ann Gerig, Nancy Noe, Darlene Marquardt, Twila Lehman, and Joyce Moreira.

Absent: Ron Dodge, Adrienne Spencer, Jessica Voas, Doug Vesey, Sue Van Meter and Trina Lee, Bonnie Grote

Roll Call was done silently with Darlene just making a notation of who was present. We did go around and introduce ourselves for the benefit of new council member, Janet Strong. Janet noted that Business Education teacher, Carla Bennett, from Gladstone High School had passed away suddenly. She was only in her 50's. It was thought to be an aneurism.

The agenda was approved and minutes were approved as corrected. (misspelling of Mary Ann and no 'c' in Ekroth)

President's Report:

- Christy reported that in 2014, Oregon and NBEA both are on the west coast. So we are thinking of proposing that Oregon sponsor WBEA conference in 2015 rather than 2014. A motion was made and seconded to go ahead with the proposal (see proposal form for specific language)

- One of our goals is to increase membership. Again as in the past several council meetings our goal is to encourage colleagues to join. Christy handed out the list she had given executive council showing who belonged to NBEA and not OBEA and visa versa. We discussed at length who would contact a number of the people on the list.

Secretary's Report: There was no known correspondence. It was noted that a sympathy card had been sent to the family of Bill Figlinski. It was also noted that the secretary forgot to send Mary Ann a congrats card for the birth of her newest grand baby. She had to read in the minutes that we were planning to send one. Oops.

Membership Director Report: Adrienne was unable come to today's meeting. She had sent a copy of the membership list to several on the council. Christy noted that she had made some updates to the list that Adrienne had sent and would get that updated version to those who needed it.

Treasurer's Report: Nancy Noe handed out budget information and explained what she handed out. (see copy of report on file)

'09 Conference Wrap-up: It was noted that the conference was very successful and a good time was had by all. The only glitches known were the fact that we weren't aware that our keynote speaker needed an overhead projector and the time schedule had to be tweaked slightly to allow for set-up of the equipment.

'10 Conference preview: Michael reported on the progress toward the next conference to be held at Oregon Gardens in Silverton. He has been able to negotiate quite a few price breaks on things.

Elections: Ann gave a report on the results of the mail-in ballot. All the nominees were elected. (written election report on file)

Awards: Twila reported that she has received several nominations for awards and she handed out the nomination form to remind us to be pro-active in nominating more. It was noted that all nominees for awards must be members of OBEA before being offered the opportunity to fill out all the paperwork to be in the running for an award.

Correspondents reports:

- Linda Owen-Cooper reported on information from several of the high schools in the Gresham/Troutdale area. Most had reduced numbers of business teachers (FTE) from past years. Christy added that David Douglas High school has 11 business teachers and that the school has changed requirements for freshmen students and now require a semester of freshmen careers and a semester of sophomore careers. She also reported that Personal Finance had been brought back into the curriculum for the business teachers to teach and that beginning with the class of 2014 it was a requirement for all students.
- Bonnie Grote wasn't able to attend today's meeting and didn't send a report

- Janet Strong reported that she would be covering the schools east of highway 97. She gave us a written report showing what kinds of questions she asked teachers when she contacted them to inquire about information.
- Andrea Pace gave us a report about what is going on at the community college level. Enrollment is increasing but the number of teachers is shrinking. She also told us about the governor's sustainability project. Additionally, she told us about a pilot project called "castle" that she is currently implementing for students for whom English is not their first language. It includes students from quite a few different cultures and they are learning keyboarding and computer skills and have available internships. She works in collaboration with the ELL/ESDL teachers at the community college level.
- Joyce Moreira reported that the retired folks very much enjoyed the conference this year and felt the round-table session for them was very beneficial. She noted that it was encouraging to see so many retired folks attend. She noted also that several retired folk had been called back into the work force. She ended her report with the statement that "Seniors are Alive and Well".
- Mary Ann Lammers combined her reports on NBEA/WBEA/ISBE/higher ed and scholarship. She handed out a written report (on file). She noted that she needs people to apply for the scholarships and attend conferences.

Standing Committee Reports:

- Christy will send membership information to those that need/want it on council
- There was discussion on the value of spring mailings. Last year we didn't send one.
- Events coordinator: Patti thanked Ann for being a wonderful hostess.
- Newsletter: Sue couldn't attend today's meeting but sent notice that she still needs articles for the winter newsletter.
- Web site report: Darlene reported that not many updates had been sent to her. It was noted that in the upcoming days there will be several impending updates.
- There was a discussion about how to get FBLA advisors to become OBEA members.

To conclude the meeting, there was more discussion on hotel locations for the 2015 WBEA conference. (assuming that is the year we get to sponsor)

The next meeting will be April 24, 2010 at The Oregon Garden.

The meeting was adjourned.

Respectfully submitted
 Darlene Marquardt
 OBEA Secretary