SAME BUSINESS MEETING
November 13, 2010
USDA Golden Meadow Plant Materials Center, Galliano, LA
MINUTES

Call to Order
Chris Verlinde called the meeting to order following the silent auction.

Minutes
Chris passed out minutes from the Gatlinburg, July 2010 meeting. There was no discussion. Minutes were approved unopposed.

Financial Report
Dianne went over the financial report checking account balance is $3,752.82 and Total Assets are $11,690.23 which includes the CD.

Awards
Outstanding Education Award: Belinda Matlock
Presented by Joan Turner

Distinguished Service Award/ Outstanding Resource
Jean May Brett gave a brief history of this award and suggested change name of award be changed to ‘Distinguished Service Award’.

MOTION: Jean May-Brett motioned to change the name of award to ‘Distinguished Service Award’.
   Second by Lee Yokel
VOTE: Passed unopposed

Jean concluded with an announcement to nominate someone she will pursue the nominee. She would also pursue the same for the scholarship. The group thanked jean May Brett for her work.

NMEA, Mobile, AL 2013
Logo
Discussion about the logo was led by Joan Turner who has been working with Janice Richards, a Spring Hill College Teacher. Her students came up with logo suggestions. The group had a very long discussion about seven logo designs and made recommendations.

New Business

Incentives for being a SAME member
Chris Verlinde led a discussion about different incentives to recruit more members. Some suggestions included discounts at the aquarium, DISL, gift shops, etc. a newsletter, networking
an professional development. There was also a discussion that we need to update the SAME website and whether we should move to developing a Facebook page.

**Partnership for scholarships or grants to teachers**
Chris led a long discussion about asking for funds and discussed levels of sponsorship.

**Grant Program**
Chris suggested we provide a grant program to support field trips that would require a short proposal for us to fund it, equipment, and money for teachers at NMEA, and/or scholarships.

- Belinda suggested scholarship for NMEA and find ways to earn state specific CLUs
- Chris suggested going to SAM’s and other business for donations
- Sharon reminded the group that COSSE has always provided CLUs and teachers usually have to pay for them.

**MOTION:** Belinda motioned that due to the carryover funds and profit from tonight’s auction that we fund a $475 scholarship to NMEA in Boston in 2011
  
  **Second** by Chris Breazeale
  
  **VOTE:** Passed unopposed

**ACTION ITEM:**
Chris will call Beth Jewell to get information about the regional NSTA meeting in New Orleans.

**MOTION:** Mendal motioned that we support a registration scholarship for the 2011 Regional NSTA for teachers with the $250 rollover the last two years
  
  **Second** by Belinda Matlock
  
  Sharon called a question about the amount
  
  **VOTE:** Passed unopposed

**Funding NMEA**
Discussion turned to funding NMEA and concern that CD maturity date deposits are down.
Jenny wondered if we will have enough money to cover the costs
Sharon explained and emphasized that we *need money from outside sources*

**Promotional Items for NMEA 2013**
Discussion on the amount of money need, how we will pay for items and what are needs are

**Funding comments:**
We need to define our needs i.e. what do we have to pay for and how much will that cost?
We need to pay for
  
  Wireless
  
  Invited speakers (stipend? travel? lodging? food? what is the precedent?)
  
  Field trips and expenses (will likely have down payments)

**Key Points for NMEA**
We need to know what we need
We need a list of what we want for sponsors to choose from i.e. logo
We need sponsors
We need a list of sponsors
We need a list of who to ask
We need someone who can pound the pavement for sponsors-a fund raiser
We need a separate 5013 C
We need a separate bank account for NMEA monies
We need detailed information from previous NMEA hosts

**ACTION ITEMS**
Chris will talk to Mare about previous meetings
Joan will talk to Courtney

**Announcements**
- Chris suggested that we need to change silent auction way we are doing things online; make more money
- NSTA: Belinda will be in charge of change of exhibits

**Adjourn**
*Motion:* Chris Verlinde motioned to adjourn the meeting.
*Seconded by:* Belinda
*Vote:* Passed unopposed
Meeting adjourned at 10:15

**In Attendance**
Chris Breazeale  Georgia Clesi  Jenny Cook
Tom Brett      Mendel Graeber  Valerie Kleinschmidt
Dianne Lindstedt  Belinda Matlock  Jean May-Brett
Dinah Maygarden  Jed Pitre  Ilka Porter
Brooke Saari  Joan Turner  Chris Verlinde
Sharon Walker  Lee Yokel

**Attended conference but not SAME business meeting**
Jen Buchanan
Angela Capello
Amy Clark

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