

Minutes
FAEDS Board Meeting
January 26, 2005
Orlando, FL

In Attendance:

John Opper	Patsy Warmack	Betsy Hacker	Bill Piotrowski
George Vensel	Bill Strait	Keith Parsons	David Jasa
Tim Nesler	Victor Ferreros	Candy Garcia	
Marsha Cole	Joe Duggan (Visitor w/Victor)		

Welcome and Introductions

The meeting was called to order at 11:05 by President John Opper, who then welcomed all attendees.

Approval of Board and Business Meeting Minutes

Meeting minutes were distributed by Keith Parsons for the Business Meeting on 12/07/04 at the Ocala Hilton. M. Cole motioned to adopt the minutes as presented. B. Strait second and the motion passed unanimously.

Presidents Report

J. Opper gave an update on the quote on conference insurance. The old quote was increased to \$100,000. Next, he is working on the quote for Director and Liability insurance.

J. Opper also gave an update on a DOE initiative called the "Microsoft initiative". Teresa Klebaha is the lead of the project and hope to have a big announcement at FETC but there's been a delay. There was an ITN for a large server farm in Tallahassee which NWRDC will be hosting. Four pilot districts (Dade, Duvall, NEFAC) and 1 community college (IRCC) will act as focus groups. This project will integrate/enhance what districts are currently doing. What it is trying to do is to design something teachers can use. J. Opper reports that they need to involve FAME, FICTL and leadership groups and the focus initially will be on how to start it off.

Treasurer's Report

G. Vensel reported that the accountant is optimistic re: exemption on state tax. They have acquired QuickBooks software and will take some time to transition but will give us better reporting.

Budget report was presented as a draft and got feedback from the group. George will send out new chart of account via e-mail to group for second draft.

Historian

B. Piotrowski reported that research had been done and we have a lot of history but on paper. (300 pictures, conference material, thousands of pages of minutes and newsletter). Bill made proposal to maintain pictures we can label by scanning and turning over to website. Minutes will be minimized to past five years on website. Estimates \$485 to scan and index. It will be the Treasurer's duty to archive the fiscal history. Secretary's duty to post minutes. Motion for the board to allocate money to scan everything was initiated by B. Strait and second by BP.

Webmaster

T.Nesler reported that he had been looking at possible hosting solutions. Atlantic.net was an option but it doesn't handle listserve's and he was having a hard time finding sites that do both. NWRDC suggested that they have the capability of doing everything, mail, listserv and e-commerce and that Victor and Tim would work out a proposal. K.Parsons was to send T.Nesler the conference forms to get posted on the web in the meantime.

Scholarships

Presentation online at FETC booth. Lots of inquiries already and the 3/15/2005 deadline is fast approaching.

FAEDs 2005 Conference

K. Parsons discussed the format and attendance of other groups, specifically FICTL and FASM and NWRDC. Each board member is to try and come up with a possible topic of presentation.

2006 conference confirmed with Caribe Royale in Orlando (subject to final contract) when they locked in room rates for < \$100. Nice facility and tour was done by J.Opper, K.Parsons and P.Warmack. There needs to be an opt out clause in the contract for future years in the case that the previous year setting wasn't satisfying.

Other topics:

FAEDs Shirts

Were distributed to past members. New members filled out sheet and will be ordered.

Next Meeting

April 24-27 in conjunction with FAMIS meeting in Ocala at the Hilton.

There was a motion to adjourn the meeting at 1:30pm by B. Strait. Seconded by T. Nesler. The motion passed unanimously.