

MSTA board meeting – October 19

Meeting called to order by Shirley

Members in attendance: Shirley Greene, Beth Thomas, Tom Cabbage, Steve Eversoll, Cynde Jacobsen, Rolland Karlin, Mary Leonard, David MacDonald, Patrick McNelly, Carol Pleninger, Gerry Wheeler, Walt Woolbaugh, John Graves, Kim Popham

Read minutes of summer meeting – approved by entire board

Treasurers report – Carol has no access to our money due to paperwork issues

Fines have been paid

Must file an annual report with the state in order to be recognized as a state association

Tax status is still undecided – we need to ask LeAnne

According to our bylaws we need to have a financial committee

Gerry suggested that we form a task force to examine by laws and report back in January – John moved that the president appoint a task force to examine the by-laws

Motion seconded and carried

Roland nominated Kim who suggested her mom the accountant will help

Shirley appointed Steve

Financial committee = Carol, Kim and Steve (ask LeAnne)

Ask members to be on the honor system for renewals as we don't have a current, complete membership list

Directors reports -

Region 1 – not here

Region 2 – Cynde – working with Native Science book – making a list of NA stories that could be integrated into everyday lessons

All day field investigation for middle school students – research and final project to present at the STEM expo

Region 3 – weather from hell

Region 4 – 2 teachers in the Murdock PIS project, AP Bio students to see EO Wilson, MSU just got a \$20 million grant

Region 5 – not here

Region 6 – David – trying to communicate with other members in his region

Advisory board Reports

Science matters – make the website your homepage

Trying to expand

Put link on school websites

Chemistry – nothing new

ACS workshop in Havre – for new chemistry teachers – 5 teachers attended

No OPI involvement other than offering PIR credit

Newsletter article idea from Shirley – what to do with unknown chemicals – Flinn tutorial

Use ACS grant money to create canned lessons to be sent out to rural schools

Biology – New AP Bio test next year

USA biology Olympiad – 50 minute exam

Top 20 students go to Purdue for 2 weeks

HHMI/ McLaughlin institute has put together videos and lab

HHMI PIR day at Great Falls schools

Genetics labs with mice from the lab

Earth Science – Rod Benson earth science resource of the week updated Friday evenings

Earthscienceblogspot.com

Spacefoundation.org looking for MT liaisons

Physics – not here

Rural school districts can't hire science teachers

Elementary – not here

Middle School – taught 3 workshops for rollout of new standards

Science Olympiad coming to MSU

Rolland is teaching an online class

Post-Secondary – STEM conversations going on

Talk to Kristen C. about getting on a STEM forum

Gerry - NSF is requiring all proposals have a STEM component / MT not signed up for the science common core

New standards will come from the common core and will include an engineering component

Get involved with the STEM conversations

MSU has revised its elementary ed majors and placed more emphasis on STEM education

Toyota teams – Engineering dept has funding from the Paul G. Allen foundation to put on workshops

Newsletter Report –

Look at Facebook and the website

John passed out “stuff”

If we have wireless – John has a card reader for credit cards – can do memberships if okay

John will collect membership dues with his card reader

Regional NSTA conference is in Seattle – Wednesday afternoon – leadership conference - discussion of STEM and next generation standards

Steve Spangler discussion –

Gerry asked what is the educational validity of his presentation?

Do we want to take people away from other MEA sectionals?

General consensus is that Steve Spangler’s show is good, but too expensive to justify

Winter board meeting in Bozeman in January – Leadership is more Web 2.0

To clear up treasurers debacle: Carol must be on the account in order to write checks, deposit checks and receive bank statements – signature card must be signed

What forms (state or federal tax) must be filed and when each year?

Where are the forms being mailed currently? Whose address is on the account? Carol’s address should be on all the paperwork.

For what things and who gets reimbursed?

Emergency Board Meeting October 21, 2011

Members Present: Shirley Greene, Beth Thomas, Tom Cubbage, Walt Woolbaugh, Carol Pleninger, Steve Eversoll, David MacDonald, John Graves, Kim Popham

David moved to accept a Board Resolution to close the dissolved MSTA checking account at First Interstate Bank and transfer the money to the newly created Wells Fargo Bank account. The motion was seconded by Steve and passed. John was directed to close the account, get a cashiers check made out to MSTA and deposit it in the Wells Fargo Account.

Respectfully submitted,

Kim Popham, Region 4 Director