

SCIENCE TEACHERS ASSOCIATION of NYS (STANYS)

Suffolk Section

Executive Committee Meeting
BOCES, 507 Deer Park Road, Dix Hills, NY 11746

Minutes to Meeting: November 13, 2014

Members Present: Glen Cochrane, Jean Kohn, Angela Lukaszewski, Alice Veyvoda, Melissa Torre, Joe Malave, Gary Vorwald, Peter Guastella, James Ripka, June Dawson, Ashley Bloch, Matt Christianson, Sheilah Schumann

Meeting called to order at 7:25 pm.

Minutes of October 2, 2014

G. Cochrane

James moved to accept the minutes. Ashley seconded. Minutes were accepted unanimously.

Treasurer's Report

A. Lukaszewski

No report; but we are financially sound.

Committee Reports

A. Programs

- Angela Lukaszewski reported that a LISEF training workshop, co-sponsored by the Suffolk Section, was a big success with 39 attendees. It was held at SUNY Farmingdale and the event was conducted without any expenses to our organization. Workshop was held in the morning, followed by a break for lunch, followed by a question and answer session. It was very well received. Peter Guastella was one of the presenters. Dr. Federman was the university liason for the program and was very supportive.
- American Museum of Natural History trip is planned for Saturday, February 7th. People will register through Eventbrite, make their own plans for the day, and participate in a scavenger hunt.

B. MATEX

M. Torre

We had 27 tables which brought in \$2175 in revenue, including one ad. There were 70 attendees. Mailings cost about \$160, so we broke even on the event. We did get 12 new members. The event was salvaged so that we did not lose financially. Glen asked for suggestions on how to attract more participation. We reviewed how SCIMEX was organized. They essentially run a full day conference with a speaker, break out sessions, followed by exhibits. The model is not working well; it took a lot of effort to break even. Ashley suggested that we focus more on a networking event, with vendors. Melissa is not able to coordinate the event next year. Mama Lombardi's was a great venue, but the cost is \$2000. Jean Ann, Ashley, and Matt Christiansen volunteered to help coordinate a program for next year. We agreed to change the model and poll the vendors to determine when they would be interested in participating.

C. Newsletter

G. Vorwald

Articles should be submitted by December 1st. Winter issue should be out by early January.

D. Membership

S. Schumann

- The Suffolk Section won the Membership Challenge Award for the greatest increase in membership in STANYS for 2014. Current membership is 236 members, which is 19 more than last month. However, this is down 2 members from this time last year. We are currently 1st in the state compared to other sections.

E. Long Island Science Congress

A. Lukaszewski

The Long Island Science Congress will be held at the Cradle of Aviation Museum. LISC will contribute \$4000 to the State Congress, but could not commit to any additional funding at this time. The event will be held on March 19-20, 2015.

F. State Science Congress

G. Cochrane

- Angela offered to approach the New York State Science Honor Society for a grant of up to \$2000 to help fund the State Congress. LISC has agreed to support the State Congress with a donation of \$4000.
- The proposed date is May 30, 2015 at Brookhaven National Lab.

G. Website

M. Torre

No report. Discussion ensued about updating the website to make it more user friendly, and easier to navigate.

H. Spring Conference

J. Malave/J. Cochrane

The conference is scheduled for Friday, March 27th at Brookhaven National Lab. Dr. Krause, a vertebrate paleontologist from Stony Brook University will be our keynote speaker and will present his latest research on discoveries from the Cretaceous of Madagascar. James distributed a list of presentations already established. Jean Ann suggested that we include key words such as common core, NGSS, and STEM in the description of the conference. Plan is to announce a “Save the Date” in the winter newsletter with a mailing in January.

I. Awards Dinner/District Membership

M. Brown/B. Vorwald

Awards Dinner will be on Wednesday, May 20, 2015 at Villa Lombardi in Holbrook.

Additional Topics:

- a. January dinner meeting will be on Thursday, January 8, 2015.
- b. STANYS Conference had over 600 participants, and more participation from Long Island teachers than in recent years. We had approximately 20 teachers from the Suffolk Section at the Rochester.
- c.

Adjournment

Motion: James moved to adjourn; second by June. Passed unanimously.
Meeting was adjourned at 9:05 p.m.

Next Meeting: Thursday, December 4, 2014