

Minutes: Math Coalition January 26, 2023

Present: Jean McKenny, Judy McCullen, George Ashline, Steven Ushakov, Kiran MacCormick, John Devino, David Hathaway, Jean Ohlson, Spencer Backman, Bob Chaffee

Following a roll call by Jean McKenny the meeting was called to order at 7:06 pm.

John Devino moves to approve the [September 29, 2022](#) minutes and Judy McCullen seconded the motion. No changes were made to the minutes.

Executive Director's Report - David Hathaway

- The agreement between GIV and Vermont Math Coalition has been finalized.
- The bus for ARML through Lamoille Valley Transportation has been contracted.
- The Vermont Space Grant may be able to provide us with financial support, David Hathaway will send a list of expenses for potential reimbursement.
- Tentative scheduling for our annual meeting is May 4, 2023. The Davis Center is costly but the Doubletree is more reasonably priced.
- The website hosting service has increased the fees. We prepaid for hosting and domain registration to avoid the increase in fees. There have been many requests to add links to our resources page but we have not added any of these due to concerns on the validity of the links.
- Bob Chaffee forwarded some information on Natasha Komarov as a possible member of the math coalition.
- John Devino questioned whether the Common Core could be connected to the Expanding Horizon topics on the website. John suggests that maybe the current teachers in our group can help with this.
- Spencer has offered to facilitate inviting Rosi Rosebush to a coalition meeting.

Financial Report - David Hathaway

- Changes from the last meeting were highlighted. (See linked report).
- An increase is noted from Physicians Computer Company for \$5000 for future activities.
- David Hathaway is hoping to get \$1500 from the Vermont Space Grant and to request more money from Mergens. Judy McCullen has offered to assist.

A motion was made by John Devino and seconded by Judy McCullen to approve the financial report. The financial report was approved.

Nominating Committee - John Devino

- A proposal has been made. Judy McCullen will continue as the business director.
- The officers' positions are expiring by the annual meeting. Co-director for education, it was suggested that Kate McCann continue in that position, if not George Ashline agrees to take on that position. Jean McKenny has asked Steven Ushakov to take over as secretary. The other position to fill is fiscal officer, nothing to report as of this time. Jean McKenny is willing to continue as director.

Talent Search - Kiran MacCormick

- Second test is complete, around 12 - 13 submissions total.
- Third test is in the works, hopefully out by early next month.

ARML - Kiran MacCormick

- Bus price is up due to fuel surcharge.

Expanding Horizons - John Devino

- A notice was sent out in early January to high school teachers. As far as we know, there has been no contacts made.
- David Hathaway suggests that if curriculum and offerings are connected, then AOE may be able to add this to the newsletter.
- Steven Ushakov can include this in the news from AOE.

Math Beyond the Horizon - Beth Ruskai

- Beth is not here to report, but David Hathaway indicated the program is on hiatus.

VCTM - Steven Ushakov

- Met as a board on January 11, the next meeting is in early March. See linked report.
- 953 members currently, ATMNE gave a boost to membership.
- ATMNE was a success.
- Annual conference will take place in the spring of 2024.
- There is a new Equity and Inclusion committee. Goals of supporting teachers in the diverse community to teach in Vermont.
- Book chat series just ended.
- Some money was made through the ATMNE conference.

Old Business:

- There was no old business.

New Business:

- **Proposed Revision to Bylaws John Devino**
 - o John recounts some of the history of the Math Coalition, including the connection between financing the coalition and changing curriculum.
 - o John does not believe the role of fiscal officer is needed based on the current status of the coalition.
 - o David Hathaway currently reviews the books and makes the financial report.
 - o In Article II the fiscal officer is removed, in Article III the clause on the fiscal officer goes away and lastly in Article IV the financial record review is assigned to the Executive Director.
 - o Article VI and VII also removes the reference to the financial committee and replaces with the executive director where necessary.
 - o These proposed bylaw changes are being submitted at this meeting where we can consider the approval of said changes at the next meeting.
 - o Bob Chaffee recommends correcting the numbering.
 - o George Ashline is questioning the procedure for membership and quorum. The coalition current list of members is about 17 total.
 - o John Devino suggests an amendment to Article I on adding members.
- **Special Meeting to connect with partner organizations - John Devino**
 - o A suggestion to compile a list of organizations involved with math and science, to look for connections and potential donations.
- **Discuss creating and managing a master calendar of math/stem events - John Devino, David Hathaway**
 - o Identify organizations with whom we want to link a google calendar to and merge our calendars to create a resource for members. Judy McCullen says she can put us in touch with Robotics and other organizations. Dave Hathaway will try to put something together for board approval.

Calendar:

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- Next meeting is scheduled for the Talent Search Awards Ceremony on May 4.
- Judy McCullen suggests someone from Beta Technology, and possibly a robotics professor from SUNY Plattsburg. Jean Ohlson suggests finding a speaker to represent more diversity, she will talk with Natasha.

Motion to adjourn by Bob Chaffee seconded by Judy McCullen.
The meeting adjourned at 8:35 pm.