

CCCTE Board Meeting

December 4, 2010

I-Call to order by President, Susan Dillon

II-Welcome to Liz McAninch, Charley Schaefer, Donna Thomas, Deidre Harrison, Trevor Guina, Bill Foreman,, Kathy Nicols, Bev Kreps

Unable to attend: Sylvia Dyal, Kim Vaiana, Ellen Webster

III-Adopted Agenda

IV-Approved September 24, 2010 minutes

V-Reports

A) Susan Dillon gave her Asilomar reflection with thanks to Bev for talking down the Asilomar costs this year. The possible dates are October 1 or 8 for 2011...more to follow on this. We made \$585 on the Chiyo baskets raffle this year. Please collect baskets and items for another raffle at CATE Sacramento. These dollars are much needed. If you don't have items for the baskets, consider a donation that can be used to purchase basket treats.

This money will go to two CATE scholarships and one Asilomar. The money should pay registration, with some possible Per Diem to put toward lodging. These scholarships are for teachers with five or fewer years in the classroom, with special consideration for teachers of color. We ask for a letter to the board from recipients that tells how the conference benefited them. The 2013 CATE conference will be chaired by Megan Peterson and Maggie Potter from Central Catholic High.

B) Past President Liz McAninch discussed the CATE Board meeting. Student teachers may earn a free registration by working four hours at CATE. They need to request the registration from the President in Sacramento, Angus Dunston, in January.

C) Resolutions Chair, Bill Foreman, discussed the NCTE report. He was our representative at the workshop dealing with second language learners who are now represented much more in the Northern/Eastern states than in the past

decade. We discussed two useful books. One was Grammar Rants (complaints to publishers about correctness) that uses letters to help build critical thinking. The other was Daily Grammar Practice (Dawn Burnette) that has useful practice on parts of speech and the sentence, proofreading and issues. Bill gave us a handout from CSU in opposition to Mandatory Early Start Programs for entering Freshman. Problems 1-Students who aren't fully qualified first-time freshmen will have to go to a summer prep program; 2- Many of these students need to make money for tuition in the summer; 3- Tuition for the summer isn't supported by the state and is more expensive than regular tuition. There is plenty of evidence that lower level students have a higher graduation rate by starting in the best four year college that accepted them. We should stretch the program to allow students more time and assistance to raise English/Math scores. Therefore, CCCTE board supports the opposition to the Mandatory Early Start programs.

D) Treasurer's Report celebrated the loan from CATE to help with our budget. That way we don't have to lose money on our C.D. We do face financial gaps in next year's budget. We will put forms for Request for Payment for CCCTE Board travel, etc. on the website, CCCTE.com. You also can contact Treasurer Kathy Nichols, 38662 Dow Court, Fremont, CA 94536.

E) We discussed a Spring Workshop possibility with Deirdre and Donna. It doesn't look promising. Susan will pursue the Twain Library at UC Berkeley and the Steinbeck Library at San Jose State University. Since we do have CATE in Sacramento in February, there are time constraints.

V-New Business

A) The board read the CCCTE constitution and the By-Laws and looked for changes and additions. Liz McAninch will post the revised constitution on our website. Some sections no longer applied to current policy. Please vote yes to all changes.

B) We read through the creative writing contest entries. The prompt was *Never More Crucial*. Winners were selected for 5-6,7-8,9-10 and 11-12. All our thanks go to the teachers who encouraged entries and to the talented writers. They will be recognized at a celebration in May.

Bev Kr