

KENTUCKY WORLD LANGUAGE ASSOCIATION

Full Board Meeting

Meeting Notes

September 22, 2018

I. Call to order

Immediate Past-President S. Merideth called to order the meeting of the Kentucky World Language Association at 4:51 PM.

II. Roll Call and Introduction of the Board

The members of the Executive Board who were present: L. Roché-Youngworth, B. McMaine, and L. Kohler.

The Full Board members who were present: A. deTorres Núñez, J. Susini, C. Del Valle (for Chelo Martin), B. Larkey, J. Rouhier-Willoughby, A. Hasegawa (for Spencer Zimmerman), Yanhong Zheng, S. Loveless.

Jennifer Hoban is Treasurer, Absent.

Matthäus Huelse is AATG President, Absent.

Madeline Griffett is NNELL President, Absent.

Jacque Van Houten acting as Past President for the next two years, Absent.

Additional Regional Reps: Christine Hutchins, Diego Ojeda, Jennifer Marsh, Tamara Kunkel, Tanya Coffey, Addison Welp, Jessica Warner, and James Walker were represented by the Regional Rep Liaisons, but not present.

III. Treasurer's Report

Sara Merideth reported that we have a current balance of \$17,278.84. We had 6 people that pre-registered that did not show and 6 people who paid and did not show (primarily students). There were 260 participants registered in all.

The organization will take in \$33,530 when all Purchase Orders are paid. So far, we have collected \$11,090. The rest is in purchase orders, so money will be coming in after the fact.

The Silent Auction brought in \$505. The money will be used for next year's conference.

We will be getting about \$1,100 from VisitLex for having attendees stay at the hotel. We were

ten hotel rooms short that we have to owe. It is covered by Silent Auction and VisitLex.

IV. Secretary's Report - No report due to change of Board.

V. Conference Report and Discussion

Attendance/Sessions: Only 3 sessions cancelled. Many people wished they could attend multiple sessions at the same time. Student voice by Waddle at KDE, Jennifer Kennedy, and Flipgrid sessions were really popular, Tracy Rucker and Jennifer Hoban's was also well attended. Ben McMaine says thank you to the Board for giving 100%.

Venue: Exhibitors would like to be in the hallway. The Internet was an issue due to cost. We may have to add money to the conference price to make wifi free. We are contractually obligated to be here in 2019.

Exhibitors: Maureen said that the exhibitors want to be in the hall for more traffic. Several exhibitors who did not come this year wanted more exhibitor-specific time. 14 exhibitors, 20 tables, 23 personnel were included in the hall. The coffee in the back was good for drawing people in. The passport to the exhibitors was good. Maureen is willing to continue hosting exhibitors.

Awards: The format was good. We need to use the KWLA backdrop to take pictures in 2019. The New Teacher had taught in Spain before - so was only new to Kentucky. We need to tighten up the regulations. Laura suggests Alfonso for Awards Chair after Ben.

Opening Session: Speaker was great and encouraging to Alfonso and led well into the podcast. Alfonso things we should do the podcast again. Lydia would like to plug Showcase for Opening.

Trivia Night, Auction: Trivia Night was fun. Jeanmarie relayed a suggestion from a participant for a foreign language Karaoke as part of the event. Exhibitors want to be a part. Maybe we move the Trivia to later in the evening, but may be difficult for those not staying in the hotel to participate.

Site visits: 15 people signed up to do the Fayette County site visits and there were 5 no shows. They were good for those who came as good feedback was received.

As a Board, we should listen for feedback in the coming weeks about Conference.

Best of Kentucky Winner: We have the numbers and will announce this later.

If someone cancels their session, they are blacklisted at ACTFL. Should we do that?

VI. President's Report

L. Roché-Youngworth said welcome and please be at every meeting or send a representative.

The October meeting will probably be in Lexington, location to be determined. Meetings are subject to change as the need arises. She believes in a hard work ethic. KWLA has ups and downs. Finances are stressful right now and we need to be fiscally responsible. We are hopeful for things in the future and need to show a united front. We need to be the voice for advocacy in Kentucky. We need to be sure our teachers are the best they can be. Our January retreat will focus on these goals. She is open to change and new ideas.

VII. Upcoming Events

Oct 13 Board Meeting, Full Board

Jan 25-26 Winter Retreat, Friday Executive Board and Saturday Full Board with Regional Reps

February 23 Showcase Committee & Executive Board Only

March 2 Showcase, Full Board with Regional Reps and Board meeting immediately following, Full Board

April 27 Full Board Meeting for Conference (probably online)

August 10 Full Board Meeting

VII. Adjournment

A motion to adjourn was made by Ben McMaine, and seconded by J. Rouhier-Willoughby.

President L. Roche-Youngworth adjourned the meeting at 5:43 PM.