

Alaska ASCD
Monthly Meeting
Monday, December 8, 2008
7:00 – 8:00 p.m.
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Present:

Jeffrey Lofthus	Susan Garton
Norma Holmgaard	Teri Regan
David Jones	Tracy Weisz
Michael Johnson	Brian Hilmes
Sandra Kowalski	Dianne Zemanek

This meeting began at 7:00 p.m.

1. Susan Garton welcomed members.
2. Reports and Updates
 - A. Teri Regan reviewed the Treasurer's Report
 - i. 2737.44 available in savings
 - ii. 2269.16 available in checking
 - iii. 5006.60 total available
 - iv. Susan Garton made a motion to approve the Treasurer's Report; Michael Johnson seconded the motion: Approved
 - B. Susan Garton presented the Membership Committee Report
 - i. Alaska ASCD is currently negotiating with the Alaska Department of Education and Early Development on an organizational membership.
 - ii. There are currently 82 on the Alaska ASCD mailing list although not all 82 are paid members.
 - iii. Jeffrey Lofthus reported that he is currently working on the application to ASCD International for joint dues authorization
 - iv. David Jones made a motion to complete the application to ASCD International to allow for payment of joint dues with Alaska ASCD, Teri Regan seconded the motion: Approved
 - v. Pay Pal has now been set up so that payment of dues from the website using a credit card is available.
 - vi. Jeffrey Lofthus discussed the continuing issue of reconciling the anniversary date of Alaska ASCD membership with ASCD International. This discussion will continue.
 - C. No report on the survey regarding meeting times and dates was given. This will be placed on the January agenda.
 - D. No report on the membership database. This will be placed on the January agenda.
 - E. No update was given on the development of membership cards. This will be placed on the January agenda.

- F. Teri Regan reported on the one-credit course featuring Mike Schmoker which was co-sponsored by Alaska ASCD, Alaska Staff Development Network, and the Alaska Department of Education & Early Development. This course is free. Participants need only pay for their credit. The first session has already been conducted and has had highly favorable reviews. Members were reminded that Schmoker's book Results Now is available through ASCD.
 - i. Susan Garton encouraged members to keep this activity in mind and think about other like activities that could be provided for educators in Alaska.
 - ii. A committee was formed to research possible webinars for Alaska ASCD to consider. Committee members include: Teri Regan, Tracy Weisz, and Sandra Kowalski.
 - G. Jeffrey Lofthus called attention to the ASCD International message sent to President-elect Obama
3. Discussion Items
- A. Susan Garton reported on the progress of the upcoming Department of Education & Early Development's winter conference. ASCD International and Alaska ASCD will assist in the funding of Mike Schmoker to present at this conference.
 - i. Dave Jones volunteered to develop a sliding scale for organizational membership and to present this at the January meeting.
 - ii. Susan Garton made a motion to charge 490.00 for an organizational membership for the Department of Education & Early Development to allow for 15 members and to set student memberships at 25.00 to Alaska ASCD, Teri Regan seconded the motion: Approved.
 - iii. Jeffrey Lofthus reviewed the Emerging Leaders Program of ASCD International and strongly encouraged participation. Interested members may self nominate on the ASCD International website or the organization can nominate someone to this program. Participants would need to make a commitment to the provided training which may include some costs to the participant. The training in this program is very high quality. Nominations for Emerging Leader Program participants are due on December 29.
 - B. Standing Committees (current and proposed)
 - i. No report from the Constitution and Bylaws Committee, move to January meeting
 - ii. Calendar Committee: Susan Garton suggested that Linda Hardin would be a member who might be the link to send calendar postings to Dave Dershin. Diane Zemanek will develop an invitation to Linda Hardin and Dave Jones will deliver it.
 - iii. Conferences and other events: Sandra Kowalski, Tracy Weisz and Teri Regan are researching other events.
 - iv. Publications: (newsletters) Due to the fact that many current members are already on other committees, the development of publications was put off until the membership grows.
 - v. Other: none
4. Action Items

- A. Approval of minutes
 - i. Dianne Zemanek moved to approve the minutes of the November 10, 2008 meeting.
 - ii. Dave Jones seconded the motion.
 - iii. Motion carried.
 - B. Approval of Treasurer's Report (approved earlier in the meeting)
 - C. Correction to Alaska ASCD Board of Directors'
 - i. Susan Garton made a motion to correct the Alaska ASCD Board of Directors' list to include Tracy Weisz; Dianne Zemanek seconded the motion: Approved
 - D. Organizational Dues: Approved for the Alaska Department of Education earlier in the meeting. Further discussion at the January meeting.
 - E. It was decided to develop a team to work on a vision for Alaska ASCD. This committee will be established at the January meeting.
 - F. Susan Garton explained the recent confusion over the Alaska ASCD mailing list sent to members. Members should never respond to this list. The list is for mailing purposes only.
5. Next meeting agenda items
 - A. Emerging Leaders Program
 - B. Organizational dues update
 - C. Meeting dates/times survey (Marilyn Davidson & Melissa Byers)
 - D. Membership database update
 - E. Membership cards update
 - F. Alaska ASCD events or webinars committee report
 - G. Constitution and Bylaws Committee report
 - H. Treasurer's Report
 - I. Calendar postings progress
 - J. Establishment of a Vision Development Committee
 6. Meeting adjourned at 8:00 p.m.