

In attendance:

Linda Atwood, Ricky Baron, Karen Berrier, Paula Callaway, Randa Duvick, Carol Goss, Jennifer MacLeod, Barb Seeley, Elaine Shumway, Irene Spiro, Nancy Tilka, Tim Tomasik

Officers for 2006-2007 year:

President:	Linda Atwood
Vice-President:	Barb Seeley
Secretary:	Carol Goss
Treasurer:	Elaine Shumway

The meeting commenced at 10:15 a.m. at the Lake County Public Library.

Items discussed:

(1) Welcome and Introductions

(2) Continuing / Old Business

- Minutes from the spring business meeting were approved.
- As always, thanks to Barb Seeley for hosting last May's *Grand Concours* brunch and spring meeting.
- Spring business meeting: Members agreed to move the spring business meeting from May to April so that it is separate from the *Grand Concours* brunch. The meeting is scheduled for Saturday, April 21 at the Lake County Public Library.
- Scholarship update: Nancy Tilka summarized the confusion with the 06 scholarship winner (the first choice of the committee members was a student of Ricky Baron who was not a member of our chapter, but rather the other Indiana chapter). The scholarship committee decided to honor Ricky's student with a \$300 scholarship, while also awarding a scholarship to another student who meet all qualifications. Linda Atwood agreed to donate income from a translation job to cover the second scholarship (money which also covered the outstanding *Grand Concours* deficit).
- Treasurer's report: Elaine Shumway reported that Brooks announced that our current account balance is \$424.60. Elaine will contact former treasurer Bob Brooks to finalize the account transfer.
- Advocacy report: Jennifer MacLeod agreed to send out press releases for upcoming chapter-sponsored events (meeting dates, special events, scholarship winners, *Grand Concours*, immersion dinners, VU events, etc). Members should send press release blurbs directly to either Jennifer or Ricky Baron who agreed to assist with advocacy. Jennifer will also contact Tennessee Bob regarding his advocacy website.

- Mentoring report: Linda reported that Ruth Ann Price asked to step down from the mentoring position. Members agreed that Jennifer and Ricky would include these responsibilities within the advocacy position. A conversation concerning articulation and state standards was sparked and members agreed to dedicate part of the immersion dinners to informal discussion of related issues (bridging standards with what we each do in our individual classrooms). Members agreed to bring sample syllabi to the fall immersion dinners as a way to initiate the conversation. It was suggested that the February VU workshop might focus on articulation from high school to college.

(3) Announcements / Upcoming Events

- AATF membership renewal forms will be mailed out in October. Members were reminded to send in dues as early as possible, before January 1st.
- National French Week is scheduled for November 2-8, 2006.
- IFLTA is scheduled for November 2-4, 2006. Several chapter members will be participating.
- Members were reminded of several contests available for students: National AATF poster contest, IFLTA poster contest, IFLTA Creative Project contest.
- Linda Atwood will again be coordinating the *Grand Concours*, which will take place at Crown Point HS.
- Nancy Tilka reminded members that nominations for the IFLTA Teacher of the Year must be submitted by the chapter to the IFTLA board by March 15.

(4) *New Business*

- Regional representative Randa Duvick provided a report on behalf of AATF national. Highlights included: a new national book club; national wants more teachers to submit nominations for awards and scholarships, including the *Grand Concours* \$500 scholarship (students who place at the national level may apply; up to 2 awarded per region); volunteers are very much needed for national committees; membership continues to be a concern at national.
- Linda Atwood announced that the chapter constitution needs to be reviewed every two years. Chapter members agreed to do the review during the spring business meeting. Carol Goss suggested that special attention be made to updating the officer job descriptions so that future nominees will know what would be expected of them should they serve as a chapter officer.
- National dues will increase to \$55 in fall 07, bringing AATF in line with the other AAT-constituent organizations. Members discussed whether chapter dues should increase from \$2 to \$3; the discussion was tabled until the spring business meeting.
- The 2007 Scholarship Committee was selected: Karen Berrier, Paula Callaway, Barb Seeley. Committee members will discuss applicants via mail in March.

- Randa Duvick announced the following VU events planned for 06-07: Focus on Europe series (ongoing), International Film Festival (ongoing); *Fête du théâtre* (April 13).
- *Grand Concours 2007*: Linda will invite all the winners to the May brunch, but won't tell them how they placed until they arrive at the brunch. Members voted to increase the fee for students of teachers who are not chapter members by \$1.00 per student.
- Members set the calendar of events for the 2006-2007 academic year.

Respectfully submitted by C. Goss on 4-11-07.