

**In attendance:**

Linda Atwood, Karen Berrier, Mary Certa, Julie Chary, Carol Goss, Barb Seeley, Elaine Shumway, Nancy Tilka.

The meeting commenced at 9:10 a.m. at the home of Barb Seeley.

**Items discussed:**

(1) Welcome and Introductions

Minutes from the fall business meeting were approved; minutes are always available on the chapter website.

(2) Continuing / Old Business

- Thanks to all who hosted immersion dinners in their homes and to VU for offering the spring Teachers Workshop and the Fête du Théâtre.
- On behalf of our regional representative Randa Duvick, Carol Goss made a brief report about regional news.
- No reports were given regarding Mentoring / Advocacy. National has not requested information from our chapter about our activities in these areas.

(3) Financial Reports

- Treasurer Bob Brooks was not present to give his report. However, having been in contact with Bob, Linda announced that the checking account had a balance of \$406 as of 5/6/06.
- Linda gave a report on the Grand Concours. In addition to the trophies and ribbons, \$455.33 (ribbons have to be ordered in bulk and were \$109 plus we added a Category C this year requiring two extra trophies), Linda sent \$710.06 to National for the Grand concours tests and Cd's, more than in years past. Her school's cafeteria had not yet billed her for the breakfast (\$131.82). Late entries required her to spend \$20 on shipping fees to express test materials for these students. Linda came up \$72 short.
- Members discussed next year's scholarship amount; all agreed to award the winner \$300.

(4) Announcements

- The 2005-2006 scholarship winner was Timothy Treat from Susan VanFleit's class at Penn HS. Tim plans to attend Notre Dame.
- Several upcoming conferences were announced: the National AATF conference is to take place July 2006 in Milwaukee; the IFLTA conference is scheduled for November 3-5, 2006 in Indianapolis.

(5) New Business

- Nancy reported difficulties with this year's scholarship competition. She had received no applications by the deadline; after extending the deadline she received a total of three. Of these three, only one was the student of a paid member of our chapter. Though efforts had been made to make this requirement clear on the application, Carol will update the application form further so that non-members will not sponsor student applicants (or will choose to become members so that their student may apply).
- Linda explained that our chapter receives a free dictionary every year from National. She suggested we present the dictionary to the scholarship winner at the brunch. Attendees agreed that the dictionary could be given to whomever the Grand Concours Administrator chose.

- Elections:

Treasurer Bob Brooks had expressed to Nancy that he wished to step down as Treasurer. Elaine Shumway nominated herself and members unanimously voted to name Elaine as the new chapter Treasurer.

Julie Chary nominated Barb Seeley as Vice-President; Barb agreed to run and members unanimously voted to name Barb the new chapter Vice-President.

Newly elected officers for 2006-2007:

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

(6) Fall Business Meeting

- The fall business meeting will take place mid-September at the Merrillville Public Library.
- On the agenda for the fall business meeting:

IFLTA procedures for nominating Teacher of the Year will be reviewed

The updated scholarship application will be reviewed

Members will discuss Carol's suggestion of skipping the April immersion dinner and moving the spring business meeting to the month of April with the goal of drawing more members to the spring meeting and allowing all to participate fully.

Members will discuss Linda's suggestion of following AATF-IN example and charging a higher fee for non-AATF member tests. Currently, our members are paying the non-member fee for tests to cover the cost of tests and prizes (and making donations when we are short) and non-members only cover the price of their tests and CDs. Members should be getting a benefit not an extra bill.

The meeting adjourned at 9:45 am.  
Respectfully submitted by C. Goss 9-11-06.