

VAAE Meeting 8/25/15

Members present: Katie Reames, Cindy Blaha, Brandon Monk, Carly Woolfolk, Christy Kerr, Lane Woodward, Elizabeth Duncan, Kristin Beery, Ron Byrd, Brian Fisher, Charlie Carroll and Dr. Larry Case.

President Katie Reames called the meeting to order at 9:06 am.

Minutes of the previous meeting will be requested from Clint Jones.

Area Reports:

- 1) Elizabeth Duncan- Southside- They will be having their COLT Conference on September 2.
- 2) Cindy Blaha-Eastern- Finalizing conference for 2017. They are looking at Williamsburg/Virginia Beach area. The only problem is that it might be cost prohibitive. Tappahanock might be another option, but is not as family friendly. Carly will be working with Cindy to provide schools close to the area to partner with. An AREC would also be another opportunity.
- 3) Christy Kerr- Northern- Met with Area Officers on August 10. They have workshops ready and created a newsletter.
- 4) Charlie Carroll- Central- They are finalizing this year's conference. COLT is September 15.
- 5) Allison Sutphin- Appalachian- Met with Area Officers and are planning their area banquet for Oct 9th.

VACTE- Brandon Monk- VACTE is focusing on Membership recruitment. Currently, the VAAE has the highest percentage of members of their association. They are planning the conference for early January in Richmond.

Old Business-

- Review of Past Conference. Carly was pleased with online survey responses- over 100 responses were received. Carly shared all responses with the VAAE team. Additionally, Carly sent back feedback to individual presenters. She is hoping to use this information to better improve the conferences in the future.
- Carly talked about the nice program from last year. She made notes regarding changes for next year. The CTE Center helped with them last year. Carly will work with Katie regarding the program for next year.
- Brandon Monk suggested on online version of the program.
- Ron Byrd shared the financial reports from the conference. 120 dues paying members. 120 attended conference. Income was \$31,077. Expenses were \$17,271.48. Profit was \$13,805.52. See attached financial report. \$39,976.20 is the current balance in the VAAE account.
- \$100 certificate of liability will be needed for school systems to host the VAAE Conference in the future.

STAR Update- Brian Fisher- The committee just held a conference call on Monday. They are finalizing budget items now. They have \$2000 that they can use, discussion was made on the options to use it.

- 1) They will highlight juniors and seniors at VT, VSU, and Ferrum- load them up in a van, feed them lunch and take them around to different schools to showcase their programs. This year they are focusing on Appalachian areas schools. Goal of STAR program is recruitment and retention of Ag teachers. The STAR team has set goals for each year. Ellen will get the money for this program since the STAR program is nationally sponsored. The Area VP from 2014-2015 is the STAR Committee representative for each area.
- 2) Suggestion to spend money at Early Teachers Conference/Winter Inservice paying for speakers, workshop needs, etc. OR spend the money to pay for retired Ag teachers to visit with new teachers to offer assistance. Carly moved to recommend the \$2000 to go to Winter Inservice. Motion passed.
 - a. Ask Ellen what the \$2000 can be used for. Carly will request grant money from DOE and see how much she can get.

New Business:

Winter Inservice- Potential options for Workshops

- 1) General CNC has offered to come and do a 2 day workshop. They are limited to 14 members. It would be \$2800. Design and machining portions.
- 2) Phil Fravel offered to do a Electricity 101 and every teacher received a kit that would cost \$10.- \$800 for Phil
- 3) Andy Seibel for a Soils workshop or Envirothon
- 4) AET offered to do a workshop as well- they are coming from Texas.
- 5) Carly suggested talking with Phil Clouse to repeat the workshop that was held at VT Horticulture Dept. this past spring.
- 6) Proficiency Award Application workshop
- 7) Vet Science
- 8) Preston Byrd- Lab Maintenance
- 9) Why should we hire you? Seven Skills for Mils..
- 10) National Chapter Application workshop

Early Career Teachers Conference will start on Thursday night.

- a. December 4th- Dinner at 5:30
- b. Mrs. Rowe's for Breakfast
- c. Lunch at 11:30

Website-

- 1) It is up and working. There is a log-in for members only. The minutes will be held here. Katie will send the code out to all dues-paying members.
- 2) Send Area Minutes to Katie
- 3) Suggestion to links for lesson plans online.

4) Calendar of Events

Upcoming Dates:

- 1) NAAE Convention- November 17-21, 2015
- 2) Early Teachers/Winter Inservice- December 3-5, 2015.
- 3) VACTE Conference- January 21-22, 2016
- 4) Ag Ed Summit- January 26-28, 2016
- 5) Middle School Ag Teachers Conference- March 4-5, 2016
- 6) June 20-24 State Convention
- 7) July 11-15 FFA Camp
- 8) July 18th- 21st VAAE Conference

Discussion about Auction

- 1) What is the purpose? To raise money for the organization and do we really need the money with the schools hosting conference or not?
- 2) Should we just do live? Silent? or Area Baskets?
- 3) Silent auction only, done at the evening of the Retired Teachers Banquet.
- 4) Hosting Area will provide basket of their area.
- 5) Area VP's will provide items from their area.
- 6) Christy will create a protocol for items for silent auction/doorprizes.
- 7) Christy will talk to Sarah Schyphers regarding setting minimum bids/increment bids.

Professional Development Needs Assessment

- 1) Dr. Jones organized the survey last year. Katie and Brian suggested doing the big survey every 3 years.
- 2) They will send the spring survey out every year.

Dr. Anderson Scholarship

- 1) In 2012, the scholarship VAAE Dr. Glen Anderson Professional Development Scholarship was created. Dana Fisher and Teresa Lindberg both received \$500 for their VALOR program.
 - a. A criterion needs to be set on developing and streamlining the requirements, application and rubric.
- 2) In the past, there was no application, just a submission/letter of intent of those interested in receiving the \$500.
- 3) Jessica Jones requested the \$500 dollars that earned since she was nominated for the Outstanding Teacher Award last year to be used to attend the ACTE conference.
- 4) Andy Seibel was also nominated by VAAE for the Carl Perkins Award.
- 5) Christy Kerr moved, Elizabeth Duncan seconded to give Jessica Jones the Dr. Glen Anderson the \$500 she earned but had not received. **Motion Passed.**
- 6) Cindy moved that Andy receive \$500 for his Carl Perkins, Brian Fisher seconded it. **Motion Passed.**

- 7) Brian Fisher moved, Brandon Monk seconded to refer the Dr. Anderson Scholarship to a committee. Katie will send out emails. **Motion Passed.**

Mr. Byrd- Adjunct Faculty

- 8) Since Mr. Byrd was officially hired on at Virginia Tech. His pay has been shorted for the last 2 months. His monthly pay was \$830. Brian Moved for the the VAAE to write a check to compensate him for his time since his hiring. Cindy Blaha Seconded. **Motion Passed.**

Adjourn

- 9) Cindy Blaha moved, Brandon Monk seconded. Meeting Adjourned at 11:08 am.