

BOARD MEETING NOTES

Friday, March 6, 2015

Board Members Present:

Elyse, Dianne, Lionel, Mary, Nina, Rosann
Magali, Exec Director

Meeting began at 6:15 pm

This was the 1st "Open Meeting" of the new board. Board members introduced themselves to the two guest attendees.

Announcement was made that bylaws have been sent out.

It was agreed that in Octavio's absence that Dianne would take notes. Nina seconded that motion.

Magali reported that AFT has 148 current (paid) members.

Most current session has 6 classes (4 Adult, 2 Children) which have a total of 46 students enrolled.

The upcoming session has very few students signed up so far.

A volunteer has begun sorting the books to organize a proper AFT library.

AFT has received an invitation to participate in an online library service which will cost \$350/year. It offers books, magazines, and other materials for students online.

Discussion was held regarding if members should be charged an additional fee for this or should it be included with no extra charge in the membership fee. Magali had distributed an email so that others could sign in for 24 hours as a guest and evaluate the materials that are offered.

Magali will receive training on this system and board will decide how it will be offered - password only? Extra fee? Etc.

Internet problems continue. The idea of getting a "booster" was discussed. Octavio to research this.

Website is still down. Magali to call the IT guy again on Monday to learn the status.

A new Workshop Series is being introduced. There will be 3 workshops devoted to single topics. The first one will focus on pronouns and will be held on March 21 from 2-5 pm. It was decided to charge \$30 to members and \$45 to nonmembers for this 3-hour workshop.

Most recent Cine Soiree had 12 guests.

St Valentine's Potluck Party had 20 - 25 guests.

No Saturday conversation group but there is still a conversation class on Tuesday.

The AFT Photo contest has received no entries so far.

Upcoming events that may be considered for a special celebration include:

1/Fete de la Musique. This event is held on June 21st officially. Moving the event date to September was discussed due to Tucson's extreme heat in June. AFT would have to investigate hiring a band for this event.

2/Bastille Day

Rosann reported that AFT has received a grant of \$4,750 for use to improve classrooms and upgrade technology. AFT has 12 months to use this money.

The Wagner Funds (\$640) are designated for educational purposes. All correspondence related to this has been sent to the family. Family has been asked if they have any preference or parameters for selecting students to receive these monies.

Other grant opportunity exists with Long Realty. Must have a Long realtor to sponsor grant application. Dianne has a friend who is a Long agent and she will investigate this process.

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