

CCCTE Board Meeting, September 24, 2010

Carmel Valley, CA

I. Members present

Susan Dillon (Modesto Central Catholic High), Liz McAninch (Mercy High), Kathy Nicols (Pleasanton Middle School), Charley Schaefer (Mercy High), Donna Thomas (Roseland University Prep- Santa Rosa), Deidre Harrison (Roseland), Trevor Guina (Modesto), Bev Kreps (Retired)

Board Members not in attendance: William Foreman, Sylvia Dyal, Kim Vaiana, Ellen Webster

II. Our new president, Susan Dillon, welcomed everyone and was very happy to have new members on this year's board. We discussed our schools and got to know one another. The Agenda was adopted and the minutes from August 21, 2010 were approved.

III. Reports

A) Susan reminded everyone that the board members receive \$150 from CCCTE to help with conference attendance. So please consider representing us at CATE.

1-NCTE convention is upcoming

2-CATE Creative Writing Contest...please, please get the prompt to as many teachers as possible. The more entries, the better choices we will have to send on to the state. Susan has copies of the flyers.

"Never more crucial...Think about something large or small that is having an effect (good or bad) on you or someone close to you. Write a short story, poem, play or essay explaining why it has never been more crucial to share this experience with others. Your piece of work should bring to light why this event was not only so important to those directly involved, but also how it could affect other people."

3-Spring CCCTE Workshop is tentatively scheduled for April 2 or 9. We discussed several places for it, including the Steinbeck Collection at San Jose State and The Sonoma House or Sonoma State for Jack London. This will be a one day workshop focusing on one writer/genre.

4-Asilomar Conference scholarships will include Kathleen Cecil's name with Chiyo's. In addition the 2011 CATE scholarship will be in Kathleen's name. We discussed some basket ideas and organized selling raffle tickets at the registration and Asilomar activities. Unfortunately the weekend Asilomar certificate was dated and they weren't willing to issue a new one, but do offer a two nights for one package.

B) Liz McAninch, past president, discussed information from CATE.

1-NCTE sponsors 11th grade Achievement Awards. Consider students who might enter this year. They submit the 10 best pages of their writing. It should show variety and creativity. Term papers don't score well. They also have an on the spot reaction to a prompt. These students gain national recognition, enhanced college opportunities, etc.

2-CATE Convention 2011 will be February 11-13.

3-Newsletter...we need articles that are helpful to the classroom teacher, books of interest, upcoming activities. Please submit these to whudd@comcast.net.

IV. New Business

A) Kathy Nicols, treasurer, submitted her report. She is concerned about funds for the future. In addition we discussed options to a CD because of the current low rates on it. Our current budgeted total is \$17,225. We have cut almost every category, but are trying to leave enough available to support conferences and teacher activities. We also had to set aside more to pay for the reception at Asilomar, due to new fees they now require.

B) We need to review the constitution and by-laws. Liz has copies of these. This will be done December 4th at our meeting at Mercy High. In addition we will read the CATE writing contest entries on that day.

C) Kathleen Cecil, former CCCTE and CATE board member, will be honored at Asilomar this year. We will miss her.

D) We prepared baskets for the raffle. Consider collecting items throughout the year to bring for the next Asilomar Raffle. Wine, books, treats, DVDs, writing paper, nice glasses or cups, coffee/tea are all good items.

Bev Kreps, Secretary