

Official MINUTES
STANYS Western Section Board Meeting
February 28, 2018 @ 4:00pm
Sweet Home High School, Room 712

The STANYS Western Section Board meeting was held at Sweet Home High School. The meeting was called to order at 4:08 PM by Sarah English. The following board members were in attendance: Mary Kay Flett, Cheryl Aldrich, Meg Helmes, Jeff Arnold, Susan Cyrulik, Sarah English, Jeff Salerno, Karen Lester, Tim Coughlin, Lowell Sylvester, Susan Sullivan, David Henry

Minutes: Motion to accept January minutes as amended by Susan Sullivan, seconded by Karen Lester.

Treasurer's Report -Karen Lester

- \$8,940.79

Membership Report - via Tim Coughlin

- 176 members as of this month

SAR Reports

- Elementary - Mary Kay Flett/Cheryl Aldrich
 - No report
- Intermediate/BOCES- Susan Cyrulik
 - Administrative meeting held at BOCES, helping to provide structure to decision making on middle school course models.
 - Would STANYS consider leading the conversation regarding acceleration?
- Earth Science - Kelly Bohlen
 - No report
- Living Environment – Katie Sugg
 - No report
- Chemistry - Dr. Sarah English
 - Chemistry Olympiad, March 22; 5:30 - 8:00 at Canisius College
 - American Chemistry Society Teacher of the Year, looking for nominations
- Physics - Dan MacIsaac/Jeff Salerno
 - WNYPTA meeting Saturday morning at Buffalo State College
- College - Dave Henry
 - Buffalo State College, summer courses for physics, have received tentative approval to be used as credit towards certification. Waiting on written confirmation.
- Retiree – Rod Doran/ Kathleen Burke
 - March 24, 2018 is the WNY Regional Science and Engineering Fair (wnysc.org to register as a judge).
 - Science Exploration Day, looking for volunteers- March 21, 2018
- Special Education – Mary Ann Bolles
 - no report
- At-large - Rose Cianciosa and Lowell Sylvester

- Registration for workshops proposals, for STANYS 2018, should be open by March 15, 2018 (the goal).
- Science Exploration Day, March 21, 2018, 8:00am

Old Business

1. Mini-Conference, March 28, 2018 -
 - a. Promotion- Flyer should be pushed out today, includes online pre-registration link
 - b. 12 vendors have been signed up.
 - c. 13 presenters confirmed
 - d. Volunteers Needed
 - i. Welcome Table Help - Sign-in Registration/Cash Money Box- Lowell
 1. Session Sign Up- Mary Kay
 2. Shirts/Square- Sarah
 3. Cash/ Section Banner- Tim
 4. CTLE certificate- Dave
 - ii. Food Table Help - Ordering, Pick-up-Karen Lester
 1. Set-up/Clean-up- Multiple individuals
 - iii. Raffle- Susan Sullivan
2. State Science Fair Leadership/Local Science Congress - John Paul Martin/Sue Sullivan
 - a. NYS Science Congress is looking to partner with Western Section Science Conference. A letter was sent to Tim Coughlin making the request.
 - b. Susan Sullivan reviewed the obligations of the partnership with the group.
 - c. Please forward names of interested individuals to Susan Sullivan as soon as possible.
3. Website Updates -
 - a. www.westernstanys.com
 - b. Vote to add Blog Option to website
 - i. Motion for expenditure of \$250.00 to Webmaster to add blog option by Tim Coughlin, seconded David Henry.
4. Spring Science Leader Events (Penn Dixie Quarry, Tiff Farms, and Reinstein Woods)

Confirmed

- Tiff April 19th - Meghan Day
- Reinstein Woods - May 17th
- Penn Dixie - June 7th

4 to 6 pm - No cost

5. Follow up to Exec Board “Town Hall” Meeting on Feb 9
 - Positive Experience

New Business

1. Spring Awards Dinner at Daemen College
 - Call for Nominees in March
 - Confirmed for Wednesday, May 23rd
2. Elections
 - a. Start considered next month

- b. Treasure, Chair, Vice-Chair, Director Roles
- 3. Future Social Events
 - a. Waiting to look - possibly for June
- 4. Thoughts, Prayers, and Well-wishes

March 24, Local Science Fair- Douville

June 2- State Science Fair-

Next Meeting;

March no meeting- Mini Conference (March 28)

April 18

May 9

May- Service Award Dinner (23 or 30)

June 6

Motion to adjourn at 5:27 PM by Tim, seconded by Sarah English

Adjournment