

SOUTHERN CHAPTER OF M.A.P.T.  
180 BEECH RIDGE RD.  
NORTH BERWICK, ME. 03906

Minutes of Meeting February 10, 2009

Attendance:    Brian Cressey- WC Cressey                      Brenda Cravens – MSAD #60  
                     Margo Fournier - Windham                      Beverly Hooper - MSAD #35  
                     Gerry Hilton - MSAD #35                              Jean Abbott - First Student  
                     Diane Boynton-Marriott - First Student

Meeting was held in Kennebunk at WC Cressey and brought to order by Brenda Cravens at 10:20.

Brenda was excited to see so many at this meeting and thanked everyone for coming. She feels that we can do better so get the word out.

Brenda explained that the conference letters went out in the mail. Jean Abbott did not receive one and said that she rarely ever does. Cindy Button took down her mailing address and will make sure that she is added to all lists. The deadline for registration is April 1, so get them back as soon as possible. Brenda has huge concerns about attendance at the regionals even though it is free if you are a paid MAPT member.

Brenda reminded us of goals from a previous meeting about getting in touch with people to find out why they may not be attending chapter meetings. Brian Cressy acknowledged that he has spoken to a few and their reasons were a time factor. Simply not enough time in the day. Along with the time factor, some asked the question “what was in it for them. Was this something that was worthwhile. What is it going to get them.” Bev Hooper also spoke to a couple of people and they shared the same concerns. The idea of getting presenters to speak at this meeting might be a way to keep interest. Brenda expressed her concern of inviting these presenters for the morning and having only a couple people show up. She asked us to be thinking of a few topics to discuss. Brenda asked if we should schedule our meetings every other month. Bev thought we might want to entertain that idea.

Bev asked if we could schedule another chapter meeting while at Sugarloaf. Brenda will look and schedule one.

Bev Hooper had a meeting with her drivers with regard accident procedure. They have nothing in place to notify parents about a delay in the bus. She asked if any of us had policies or procedures that dealt with this. Cindy Button explained our procedure with Power School, VersaTrans and Connect Ed. Bev is not familiar with these and does not have a routing software program. This topic lead to a long discussion about forms/procedures, routing software, special needs students, reporting and lack of

information to the directors. In the end Bev asked those that have forms/procedures in place to bring them to share with the other directors at the next monthly meeting.

Bev Hooper suggested inviting one superintendent to attend the annual conference. Brenda asked if she could bring it up at the next board meeting. Bev is unable to attend that board meeting. Cindy Button stated that she would give this message to Lennie Goff to address at the next meeting.

Jean Abbott asked about the specifics for the regionals. Brenda gave her the info about classes etc.

Cindy Button suggested asking the host district to invite their superintendent to the regional conference. (Which I did already, have not received a reply)

Brian Cressey asked about classes for mechanics. He asked us to go back and ask if there is a specific topic any of our mechanics would like to see. Brian is willing to teach the class. Cindy Button asked if he would be willing to teach a "Mechanics 101" at Sugarloaf. He thought that would be a great idea. Brenda will look at the schedule and get back to him.

Jean Abbott asked about classes for directors at the regionals. Brenda explained that Rick Soules is meeting with the directors at the beginning of the day for a short time and then the directors will continue to a class of their choice.

Brenda Cravens asked for a motion to adjourn. Bev Hooper made that motion. Cindy Button seconded.

Meeting adjourned at 11:20.

Next meeting is 4/7/09 Portland. May meeting is at MSAD #35 on May 12.

Thank you Brian for hosting.

Respectfully submitted by Cindy Button, MAPT Secretary

