

BTCA EXECUTIVE BOARD MINUTES 10/6/09

Members Present: Christi Smith, Tina Salasny, Laurie Wicks, Bob Heinle, Kim Hahne, Tom Westcott, Tish Butler, Robin Novi, Laurie Praefke, Becky Lupo

1.) Board Reports-

- a.) Treasurer- Current balance is \$2339. This is after paying for General Membership breakfast.
- b.) Membership- Twenty memberships were collected at the General Membership meeting.
- c.) Levels-
 - Elementary- Met as a group. Topics of interest this year RTI and Roles/Expectations for Counselors. Suggestion was made for our website- local counselor list serve or blog.
 - Middle- Group met and established November 13th as their first middle school level meeting.
 - High- See attached level survey of topics to be discussed this year.

2.) Old Business-

- a.) General Membership Meeting had a good turn out!
 - Catering was done by Nezumtoz for \$118. Next year need more coffee/creamers/cups.

3.) New Business-

- a.) Wine Event- Saturday, November 14, 2009 from 4:30-8PM
 - Bill Mahoney has been booked for another year!
 - Music will be provided by Tom Westcott and Bob Jensen followed by The Bad Weather Blues
 - Mad Moose is available but it will be open to the public so we will need to utilize back rooms
 - Tickets are printed and ready to go \$20 per person

- b.) Holiday Breakfast- Thursday, Dec. 17th with registration 8-8:30 AM, Breakfast 8:30 AM
- Cost will remain the same as last year.
 - Christi Smith suggested that we ask everyone to bring a donation for CHOW. Tom Westcott will make arrangements to get a CHOW Bin for collection.
 - Keynote speaker will be BOCES Supt. Al Buyck.

Next Meeting- Friday, October 30th at 8:15 AM, BOCES Adult Cafeteria

HIGH SCHOOL Level Survey

1. Are there any specific counselor needs that you would like to have addressed this year? When is the best time to meet?
 - Committee to explore setting up regional college visits (ie. Rochester)
 - Cindy Sodeur, Judy St. John, Deb Demers, Mel Fenimore, Laurie Wicks
 - Financial Aid – Huge changes on the federal end – bring in a speaker to brief us...early January
 - NCAA eligibility – Christi Smith recently put together a flyer that she will forward. Possible topic for Spring Conference
 - Comprehensive Guidance Plan – revamping – ideas... NYSSCA site.

2. What ideas do you have for the spring professional development conference? Do you have any speaker/presenter recommendations?
 - NCAA Clearinghouse – compliance officer speak to M.S. & H.S. counselors about eligibility and clearinghouse updates, issues, concerns...
 - Urban vs Rural Poverty – possibly a speaker who could discuss EOP & HEOP trends & processes.
 - LUMINET/Distance Learning – what can we do with this resource

3. BTCA has its own website... Do you use it? How could it be improved? Any good links?
 - www.guidance4counselors@mail.nysed.gov