

SDSTA Meeting

Huron, SD

February 8, 2008

President Micheline called the meeting to order at 4:37 p.m. There were 45 members present. The secretary's minutes were read and approved.

Micheline gave some updates. The SDCTM will stagger elections so that both organizations do not have new officers the same year. This should help keep the conference running smoothly.

No one showed any interest in the bus from Rapid City so that idea will be dropped.

The summer meeting may be in Lead so we could learn more about the Dusel project.

Discussion was held on meeting during the summer over the DDN or via webcast. We will consider it in the future.

Micheline explained that we now support the Energy Smart Initiative and the Bald Eagle Awareness Day. We sent \$200 to the Game, Fish, and Parks to help pay for Bald Eagle Awareness Day.

Micheline told the members that the Crossroads is in the process of being sold. All will remain the same for next year as we have a contract that runs through next year.

Micheline thanked Larry Browning for getting Jearl Walker to come to our conference. She reminded the members to fill out their conference evaluations before leaving the conference.

Micheline encouraged teachers to get their students to apply for the National Youth Science Camp this summer.

Brant gave the treasurer's report. (See copy following the minutes) We have \$3,779.59 in our checking account and a little over \$6000 in CD's. Marcy Farrand made a motion to approve the treasurer's report and Larry Browning seconded the motion. Motion carried.

Ramona reported on nominations for the PAEST award. K-6 will be represented this year.

Jerry Oobroek reported on a grant that he is working on for the "Science on the Move" program. They are looking at purchasing 7 Uhauls vans—one for each ESA area. They would be fully equipped and a teacher would be hired half time to coordinate these vans. This would require a 7 million dollars start up fee.

Pam, Ramona and Micheline are on the Science Education Advisory Board.

Micheline mentioned Fred Henderson for a future featured speaker. He is on the National Biodiesel Board. She also mentioned a magic show.

Brant talked about polarhuskies.com which is a website with a free curriculum. He said it is definitely worth checking out.

Micheline reminded members to fill out the survey that is on the tables.

Dues were discussed. The members felt that \$20 for high school teachers would still be very reasonable. Arnie suggested raising dues to \$25. Marcy said we need to continue to get good featured speakers and that requires more money.

Micheline thanked the officers for 2 years of service.