

KGTC Board Meeting
April 7, 2018
Hampton Inn, Emporia KS

Attendance 12:

Executive Board Present: Nancy Thomas - President, Bonnie Houk - Treasurer, Jessica LaFollette - Secretary

Voting Board Members Present: Sheri Nakai (Best Practices), Kimberle Curtis (Region 2), Leigh Johnson (Governance), Laura Linstra (Region 3), Garrett Ridder (Region 4), Lindsay Black (Continuing Education), Bo Andersen (Parents)

Committee Members Present: Angie Bailiff, Kimberly Crowley (new parent committee members)

Voting Members not present: Connie Staley – President-Elect, Brad Johnson (Region 6), Leslie Lewellen (Region 5) Jasmine Puderbaugh (Communications) Region 1 is not yet filled.

Meeting Opening and Introductions

Nancy Thomas began the meeting by welcoming everyone.

President's report:

Nancy's president's letter went out at the end of March. It included a summary of the NAGC Leadership and Advocacy Conference. She recommends that the entire executive board and governance chair attend this conference every year. Positive experiences included networking and advocacy. She would like to thank the board for their support.

President-Elect:

Connie Staley is missing the meeting today due to pneumonia.

Secretary:

Jessica presented the meeting minutes from January 13 and summarized items voted on by the board. Two corrections were made to the minutes (spellings of names). Leigh made a motion to approve the minutes, Lindsay seconded. Board voted to approve Jan 13 minutes.

Treasurer:

Bonnie presented four financial documents. Statement of activity report. Budget vs. Actual. Statement of Financial Position. Summary of NAGC expenses. Leigh made a motion to approve the treasurer's report, Lindsay seconded. Board voted to approve the treasurer's report.

Committee Reports:

Continuing Ed:

Lindsay has been attempting to get information about scholarships from Bev. She also needs details for the Alicia Jo Pippen scholarship from Sheri Sells. This year we will not be awarding summer program scholarships, but will get this organized for next year.

The mentorship program will go forward for this fall's conference. Lindsay asked for help designing a flier. Kimberly (new parent member) will help do this. Bonnie will help with setting up constant contact to accept these applications. Lindsay would like to get this advertised as soon as possible.

2018 Convention Report from Connie Phelps – see attachment "Conference Chair 4.7.2018" Nancy read this document to the board. Board briefly discussed the Sunday evening activity. All are looking forward to the conference and hearing more about it from Connie at the May board meeting.

2019 Convention Planning Report from Kim Curtis:

Kim has solicited convention-planning bids from Lawrence, Manhattan and Salina. She has received several responses. In analyzing these, Lawrence and Salina were both high, but the alumni center at KState in Manhattan was extremely reasonable. It has a large banquet room and cost would be \$1900. Parking is free on Sunday. Monday parking, 50 passes would be included (we could give these away as early bird registration). Hotel cost would be \$99 for the Holiday Inn at the campus. She is working on catering bids for lunches. She is also still working on theme ideas and speakers, possibly something related to rigor.

We are tentatively scheduled for Sunday/Monday, October 6/7 OR October 13/14 depending on the Wildcats football schedule.

Honors college from Department of Ed (Kelly) will be our official sponsor. She will send 8 breakouts from honors college senior students and will send approx. 8 faculty breakouts from the department of ed. The Dept of Ed will run student activities on Sunday too. 12:45-4:00. Honors and Art and Drama Education students will run these activities at the Blumont Center. Parents could drop students there then come to the meetings in our alumni center. One more idea is to have Connie Phelps give a "free" breakout to education majors about how to earn a gifted certification for Kansas.

Leigh moved to approve Kim moving forward with 2019 conference planning for Manhattan. Lindsay seconded. Minor discussion to recap details. Board voted to approve the motion.

Connections:

NAGC – The national convention in 2018 will be attended by Kim Curtis and Nancy Thomas.

Legislative Issues:

Jessica shared issues brought up at the NAGC Advocacy Conference: Funding for Jacob K. Javits Act and keeping language about gifted students in the Higher Education Act.

Best Practices:

Sheri Nakai provided a written report to the board (**see attached**). She has recruited two committee members and developed a project with four specific goals. Best practices should be a clearinghouse of strategies for all facilitators in Kansas.

Parent Committee:

Bo is serving as temporary parent committee chair. He is hoping to get the parent committee going again. There are three new parent members. They would like to help with planning at the convention, including a family day this year. Some ideas include: adding a session for facilitators to hear what parents need, providing a hospitality room at the conference with board games and a time to network while letting kids play. An idea to grow the parent support network of KGTC is for facilitators to offer information to parents who want to connect and possibly meet up for an evening. This is something they will continue to develop.

Governance:

Leigh shared that advocacy must be frequent and sustained. We have to promote ourselves in a way that explains why gifted education is important. Our strategies can benefit more than just our students. She developed bookmarks to hand to legislators

Countable app allows you to select legislative issues you care about. KGTC cards with posted envelopes were distributed to the board to send thank you follow-ups to the national legislators who met with us and expressed an interest in supporting gifted education.

Leigh has some concerns about the board policies. The updated version from the November 2017 board meeting is no longer available. The only version she has is only partially updated but has some conflicted sections. It needs “revising” which is a separate process than “amending”. She would like the board to operate on the approved October 6, 2014 constitution and policies. This is the document currently available on the website. She would like permission from the Board to purchase the most recent copy of Robert’s Rules.

Communications:

Nancy reported that we have lost our communications chair. The job is really too much for one person to handle. There are facebook, twitter, and website responsibilities and well as constant contact. This is a very important part of our board’s activity. **Nancy asked for volunteers to divide and conquer some of these responsibilities.** Leigh reminded the board that each region and committee chair agreed to provide updates monthly by the 15th. Please send this info to Nancy now. Sheri Nakai may be willing to help with the twitter account. Bonnie will continue to handle constant contact.

Region Reports:

Region 2:

Region 2 conference on June 19 featuring Ginger Lewman. Flier is complete, 3 are registered. Lunch will be catered by Dillon’s. Junior high kids will be leading “sphero” activities in the afternoon. Kim is looking to send out fliers to get more registrations this month.

Region 3:

Laura shared that contracts for venue and speaker are signed for the April 21st conference in Overland Park. Lisa Van Gemert is the nationally known keynote. Today the constant contact email went out and the Facebook events have been set up. Bo presented the idea of making the event public and “boosting” it with ad funding. The important thing now is to get as many registrations as possible.

Region 4:

Garret shared that he is planning a regional conference possibly for the last weekend or Friday in August in Dodge City or Garden City. They would like to have a theme related to STEM/problem-solving or panel of gifted adults and their real-life experiences. He would like to have family activities along with the conference sessions. He is looking for speaker recommendations.

Region 5:

Leslie Lewellen was not able to attend this board meeting. She is working on creating a contact list for gifted facilitators in her region. They may be able to gather a group to attend the Region 2 conference in June.

Region 6:

Brad was unable to be at the board meeting. The region 6 conference is this Friday April 13 in Pittsburg, KS. It is a bi-state regional conference. The title is "Theoretical Ways of Engaging and Maintaining Gifted Adolescent Learning". Keynotes are Brandi Klepper and Kris Wiley. There will be a Prufrock Press vendor break and Bonnie Houk will present a session on writing to get grants. This regional conference is free.

New Business:

- Bonnie made a motion for the board to purchase Roberts' Rules of Order. Lindsay seconded. No discussion. Board voted to approve.
- Leigh brought examples of lanyards for conference. They would have the KGTC logo and a swivel clip with no buckle at the neck. The quote including shipping was \$335 for 250. Bonnie made a motion for Leigh to order 300 lanyards for no more than \$500. Bo seconded. There was some discussion. Board voted to approve.
- Leigh shared that she is getting quotes on KGTC polos from a local person. She will send the quotes on designs and colors by email to the board. Board members will order their own. Lengthy discussion ensued about the merits of various colors and fabrics. Nancy suggested to table this discussion until the May 31 board meeting when more members are present. Leigh may bring an example at this time.
- Leigh made a motion to use the October 6, 2014 constitution and policies as posted on the website as the official board governing documents based on the reasons stated above in the governance reports. Sheri seconded. Board voted to approve.
- Nancy shared an example of the Arizona gifted association rack card. It includes pictures of students, mission, vision, and goals. It also includes annual events and benefits of membership. Board agreed that this card is a great idea and discussed the details. This discussion will be continued at the May meeting.

Calendar Planning

Next Board meeting:

THURSDAY May 31, 2018 at ESU, Memorial Union

9 a.m. – 12 p.m. Committee Work Time
12p.m.-1p.m. lunch on own (members can eat in the union, travel off campus for lunch,
or bring a sack lunch)
1p.m.-3p.m. Board Meeting

September 8, 2018 at ESU – same times

October 7-9 – Convention at ESU

November 3 – same board meeting times at ESU

(NAGC is Nov 15-18 in Minneapolis, MN)

January 12, 2019 – Voting board members strategic planning retreat at Gufler Mansion 9-5

Meeting adjourned.

Respectfully submitted,

Jessica LaFollette, Secretary