

KGTC Board Meeting

May 31, 2018

Phi Kappa Phi Room, Memorial Union

Emporia State University, Emporia KS

Attendance 11:

Executive Board Present: Nancy Thomas - President, Connie Staley – President Elect, Bonnie Houk - Treasurer, Jessica LaFollette - Secretary

Voting Board Members Present: Brad Johnson (Region 6), Kimberle Curtis (Region 2), Leigh Johnson (Governance), Laura Linstra (Region 3), Lindsay Black (Continuing Education),

Committee Members Present: Angie Bayliff (parent committee), Connie Phelps (Historian)

Voting Members not present: Leslie Lewellen (Region 5), Garrett Ridder (Region 4), Sheri Nakai (Best Practices), Bo Andersen (Parent committee) Region 1 is not yet filled.

Committee Meetings and Tour 10:00-12:00

Nancy Thomas began the meeting by welcoming everyone. Connie Phelps provided a tour of the Memorial Union explaining the rooms that will be used for conference this fall. Most board members purchased food in the Union and ate lunch together in the PKP Room.

Board Meeting 12:30

2018 Annual Convention Update from Connie:

Sunday morning Family Day activity will be an “International Mystery Basket” 3-course meal team cooking challenge led by local executive chefs. Kids and/or parents are invited to participate beginning at 9:00. Tri-delta sorority members will also volunteer to assist with student activities throughout the day.

Sunday night regional celebration will be held at the Twin Rivers Winery. The Vault will cater hors d’oeuvres. The charge will be \$10 per person. After the last session ends on Sunday, the group will walk down Commercial Street from 12th to 6th. It is a beautiful older building for wine tasting, food, and discussion before dinner for about an hour. The idea is to have each region show case something they are doing. Each region could create a poster, or display board of activities that have happened in the region this year. There will be tables for each region to sit together and discuss. Region reps could also plan fun activities and possibly have a sign-up sheet. There was some discussion about the regional activities and the role of region reps to make the entire organization more active. Payment options and ticketing were discussed. Radius Brewing Company and Pho BannLao Asian restaurant are nearby downtown dining options open on Sunday night.

- Review of Board Member Discounts for Conference. 10% per board meeting attended and 10% for presenting a breakout session.
- Some discussion of student discounts for grad students and undergrads. Kim moved to give Connie Phelps the ability to make decisions regarding individual

student discounts (beyond mentorship program) with a service component whenever appropriate. Brad seconded. Motion passed. Additionally Connie shared that Saturday night before the conference we will have a board dinner at the Gufler Mansion. She has sent out the menu. Kathy Nilles will be speaking informally from 5:30-7:30. This is sponsored by the Great Plains Center for Gifted.

Executive Committee Reports

President

Nancy Thomas opened by describing each spring region meeting of 2018 that she attended or plans to attend. Brad's Region 6 meeting was a joint session for Kansas and Missouri. It was well-attended and Laura's region 3 meeting was in a very nice venue at KU Edwards campus with great speakers. Lisa VanGemert's handouts are available at www.giftedguru.com/kgtc On June 19 the Region 2 meeting will be in Salina with Ginger Lewman as keynote speaker. Nancy feels that KGTC has been on a roll this year with great ideas, plans, and events.

President-Elect

Connie Staley shared that the NAGC advocacy conference in Washington D.C. was an excellent experience and she hopes that many more board members will be able to attend this important event in the future.

Secretary

Jessica presented minutes from the April 7 meeting with one correction to the Region 6 conference date. Bonnie moved to accept the minutes. Leigh seconded. Motion passed and minutes accepted.

Treasurer

Bonnie distributed financial statements. Not much has changed since the April meeting. \$5000 had to be moved from money market into checking to pay for some regional events. There is still \$60,000 in the money market account. No money has been distributed for scholarships in 2018 though there is a scholarship account with \$8000 in it that no money has come out of for some time. Discussion of using this money to help fund mentorship program. Discussion of awards. The advocacy and extra mile awards are Connie Staley's responsibility as president-elect. She will get these nomination forms out as soon as possible. These awards will be handed out on Sunday during the lunch. Leigh moved to approve treasurer's report. Brad seconded. Motion passed.

Committee Reports

Continuing Education

Lindsay shared that the mentorship program is set up for new teachers (0-3 years of prior experience in gifted). They will receive mileage to conference, registration, and hotel if they live more than 50 miles from the conference. There will be some sessions at conference specifically tailored to new teachers and space. Mentors need to be experienced (at least 8 years with gifted in Kansas). They will need to initiate and maintain contact with the mentee by attending conference, helping them plan session attendance at conference and continuing to be available for this person throughout the school year. Applications by google form will be due September 1st. Those selected will be notified by Sept 7th. Discussion of documenting mentor/mentee contacts and possibly surveying the

mentor and mentee about the success of the program. Additional discussion of digital badges and shared google docs and possible new KGTC gmail account for mentoring. Some of these ideas may be on hold for 2018 as we roll out the program for the first time. Kim moved to allow Lindsay to move forward with opening applications for the mentorship program in 2018. Bonnie seconded. Motion passed. Selection committee will include Lindsay, Connie Staley, Bonnie, and Connie Phelps.

Communication

Connie Phelps and Bonnie have been handling communication responsibilities and webpage updates for the 2018 conferences. Nancy is hoping to recruit a new person to handle the important position of communications chair. Discussion of moving to wix instead of GoDaddy web hosting. The new communication person will be encouraged to choose whichever web hosting platform they are most familiar with. 5 new people have been added as administrators to the facebook page to do publicity for our events. Region directors, president-elect, continuing ed, and governance chair, may also be added in the near future.

Parent Committee

Angie Bayliff attended to represent the parent committee. She knows that the problem of reaching out to parents will be difficult to fix statewide. The large districts with parent groups are already active and busy without us. Angie is from Maize, a large district, but she does not have legal access to information on parents because of FERPA laws. Concerns from administrators may also slow development of parent groups. Reaching out to parents will have to happen through facilitators to connect parent leaders with other interested parents.

Models/Best Practices

Sheri Nakai was not able to attend to share a report.

Governance

Nancy officially thanked Leigh and Bonnie for designing the lanyards for the fall conference. Leigh Johnson reminded the board of our vote to revert to the posted constitution and bylaws from the website. She asked the board if we really want to create one document that combines both constitution/bylaws and policy. It is more convenient for the board to update policies fluidly and save major changes updating the constitution for annual meetings of the entire membership. Discussion of pros and cons of one combined and two separate documents. Lindsay moved that we will propose changing the title of the document to 'Constitution and Bylaws' and removing the "for dummies" wording from the Roberts Rules for Order statement. Kim seconded. Motion passed. These changes will go before the membership at the October conference. Goal is to have these changes sent to membership by August 1st.

Leigh reminded board members to place a polo order with the google form. These will be delivered at the September meeting.

Region Reports

Region 2 – Kim reported that she would like to increase registrations for the June 19 Region 2 meeting. Her speaker Ginger Lewman has also shared the newest facebook post about the summer conference with her KS and NE network.

Kim would also like to make save-the-date cards for the 2019 convention. Connie Phelps will help with printing these through ESU. Kim will have the 2019 theme and dates by the end of the summer.

Region 3 – Laura shared that we had a great Region 3 conference, planned virtually. Laura is working on a communication strategy for the 57 school districts in Region 3. She would like to reach out to facilitators who can then connect parents to KGTC resources.

Region 4 – Garrett has a broken femur and could not attend the meeting to provide a report.

Region 5 – Leslie was unable to attend the meeting to provide a report.

Region 6 – Brad reported that approximately 30 people attended the conference at Pittsburg State University. It was an excellent meeting as Nancy previously described.

New Business:

Diana Stanfill has resigned her position as the state representative for gifted education. There has been no replacement announced. Nancy will reach out to the new person as soon as the position is filled.

Old Business:

These items have all been covered in earlier discussion:

Polo shirt orders, 2019 Conference. Some discussion of rack cards. These will be pushed to the next meeting.

Calendar Planning

Next Board meeting:

September 8, 2018 at ESU, Visser Hall

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

October 7-9 – Convention at ESU Memorial Union

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

Brad motioned to adjourn meeting, Connie Staley seconded. Meeting adjourned.

Respectfully submitted,
Jessica LaFollette, Secretary