

Professional Development Committee Meeting

October 16, 2009 1:30

Chair David Lydic called the meeting to order.

Lydic thanked Laurie Passmore for her previous work, and the committee encouraged him to continue the tradition of providing a margarita for the presenter and person who finds the presenter of a GIFTS session.

Committee members introduced themselves:

Jane England, north central Texas College, Corinth
David Sorrells, Lamar State College, Port Arthur
Robert Bauman, Amarillo College, Amarillo
Jill Coe, Southwest Texas Junior College, Uvalde
Michael Berberich, Galveston College, Galveston
Tony Cleaver, Central Texas College, Killeen
Dede Griffith, Lee College, Baytown
Jean Wileyman, Lonestar College, Kingwood
Mike Schnieder, Midland College, Midland
Essie Childers, Blinn, Bryan Campus

This is David Lydic's first year chairing the Professional Development committee. He was previously on the legislative committee.

David Sorrells will serve as acting secretary.

Announcements

Leading From the Middle ñ July 18-20, 2010, location TBA. Will start Sunday and end on Tuesday afternoon, rather than staying for a Wednesday session.

Great Teaching Roundup ñ May 18-21, Burnet, TX, Canyon of the Eagles (TCCTA wants to make this place a home for this meeting.)

Annual Convention, March 4-6, 2010, Westin Galleria, Houston. Conference theme for 2010: inspiring minds; transforming lives

Leadership Retreat for TCCTA Executive Committee or Chair of standing committees, meet in May and get an initial plan for the coming year, evaluates the previous year, etc.

Responsibilities at Fall Faculty Leadership Conference

This afternoon:
Essie, Tony, Robert, registering
David Sorrells, Jill greeting

Morning registration, 8-9, Oct. 17
Michael, Jill, David Lydic, registering
Dedee, greeting

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Responsibilities at the Annual Conference

Professional Development Seminar ñ Janet Zadina. Dr. Zadina is author of *Six Weeks to a Brain-Compatible Classroom*, co-author of *Writing Now*, a college developmental composition textbook, and founder of Brain Research & Instruction.

Keynote Speaker ñ Ori Brafman. Brafman is the author of *Sway: The Irresistible Pull of Irrational Behavior* and *The Starfish and the Spider*.

GIFTS session ñ Great Ideas for Teaching Students. Session 60-75 min. 10-15 tables, each table has different person. Presenter stays at table, gives 10 minute talks, then listeners move to next table. Minimum 10 presenters, maximum 15 presenters. Our responsibilities include finding teachers to do these quick 10 minutes sessions. More pedagogical than subject matter, though can use the discipline to demonstrate the strategy. Participants choice of which and how many presentations to go to. DEADLINE TBA by David Lydic, who will email it to the committee, but roughly 4-6 weeks. Give title of presentation and 3-4 sentence scenario of what will come in the presentation. Email lydic@austinctc.edu with the names, titles, and descriptions of GIFTS presenters.

Past GIFTS session topics are posted online at tccta.org.

We must secure participants and a few people to run the session.

Lightning talks ñ similar to GIFTS. New to conference this year. At each table there are cards with questions. A group of people come up and turn over cards, then discuss. Ten tables, ten minutes per table. Completely random what cards or topics come up. Our job is find volunteers to rove around room and keep the groups from stagnating and break up the packs. Also to note: anything about the convention process itself or any new or repeatedly arising topics come up that we may have been unaware of. Anything that is a hot topic that we need to take on as a group.

Some questions might include grade inflation, SACS reevaluation, posting of evaluations and resumes online. Send possible questions to Carole Hawkins at chawkins@tccta.org.

New Item ñ We have been asked to take notes during Terry Mouchsly's session. As people come up with good ideas, be sure to take notes. The room will be divided into 8-12 groups, with one PDC member per group. Get down ideas and be sure to get down who said it to give everyone credit where credit is due.

Adjourned 3:25 p.m.

Submitted by David Sorrells