

Minutes of Los Padres CATESOL Meeting Dec. 2, 2004, 4:30pm, at Goleta Coffee Co.



Those present:

Jack Bailey, Belinda Braunstein, Marit ter Mate-Martinsen, Ingrid Bowman, Bonnie Blakley, and Ann Scherz

1. No review of minutes, as Belinda didn't provide them. (oops!)

2. Conference

Feedback Forms/End Raffle

We reviewed the 22 feedback forms from the conference as well as the results of the survey members e-mailed back to Jack last month. We discussed how to get more feedback from the conference. Results: We decided to have an afternoon raffle at the end of the last session, as we did a year ago. Instead of winning free registration next year, which doesn't mean much for those whose attendance is paid for by their school, we decided on a "cooler" prize, like a small CD/tape boom box that a teacher can take to any classroom or just use at home.

Lunch Raffle

The lunch raffle took too long. We decided to change format to having just 5-6 nice prizes instead of a large pile of smaller ones. Participants will get several tickets to "bet" towards a particular prize.

Location

Again we discussed the possibility of moving the 2005 conference to Cal State Channel Islands in Ventura to be more inclusive of those who don't live near downtown Santa Barbara, and to possibly reduce our conference costs since the catering prices at SBCC are becoming a little prohibitive.

3. Treasurer's Report

Bringing account to \$1500 balance:

We're awaiting two final large checks for the Oct. conference from SBCC and Adult Ed. With them deposited, we should have just under \$3000, but as a part of CATESOL we shouldn't have more than \$1500. We brainstormed possible uses of the extra funds.

Among ideas:

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| - getting an impressive speaker | - buy things with chapter logo (e.g. bookmarks) | - increase the amt. to be given to CATESOL |
| - have a nice chapter social event | - \$200-\$300 travel award to attend CATESOL | - local conference student recognition award |
| - purchase AV equipment for chapter | - increase \$ for summer workshop series | - CATESOL membership for new teacher(s) |

What we decided

- Give \$500 to CATESOL (our parent organization)
- Use \$250 to create a Dianne Riffle Memorial Award to give a member who has never been to a state conference the opportunity to go
(This might have to be a one-time award instead of yearly, but it still honors our former treasurer and friend.)
- Use \$250 for a chapter social event
- Earmark \$500 for our Spring/Summer Workshop Series. We'll pay \$75/hour to presenters instead of \$50/hour, as we did last year.

4. Professional Development Calendar (some in conjunction with SBCC Adult Ed.)

1. **Jan. 29 (Sat)** - **definite**: "Using Strategies to Improve Instruction" with Jayme Addelson-Goldstein - 9:00-12:00 in Wake #13
2. **Feb. 25 (Fri)** - tentative: "Teaching Low Level Adults" with Stuart Levine & Ann Scherz - 5-7pm? (2/19-20 not possible)
3. **Mar. 3-6 (Thur-Sun)**: [CATESOL State Conference](#) in Long Beach
4. **Mar. 11 or 18 (Fri)** - tentative: "Teaching Multi-Level Classes" with Kimberly Corcoran
5. **Mar 30-Apr 3 (Wed-Sat)**: [TESOL Annual Conference](#) in San Antonio
6. **Apr. 16 (Sat)** - tentative: "Idea Sharing Social" - lots of refreshments provided; members socialize, and those who attended the state and/or national conferences present good ideas they got, possibly just in poster format. The winner of the Dianne Riffle award would be required to share something from the State Conference, too.
7. **May 6 (Fri)** - definite: Book Fair
8. **TBA in May** - tentative: "Student-Centered Teaching" with Jack Bailey

All the chapter events above are free to members of CATESOL and SBCC Adult Ed teachers. For all others the cost is only \$5.00.

In addition to the workshops above, asking Margaret Prothero to present on reading or literacy in June or July.

We also discussed Jack's idea of "Bring a colleague to the next meeting!".

NEXT MEETING:

Thursday, January 13, 4:00-5:30 at Goleta Coffee Company. We tentatively set all 2005 meetings for 2nd Thurs. of each month at that location & time. >>> **Moved to Wake Center to accomodate more people!** <<<<<

Action items:

- Jack will call CSCI to ask about availability, food, etc. for conference Nov. 5, Oct. 15 or Oct. 22.
- Belinda will locate and type up minutes of last meeting.
- Jack will send e-mail to members asking about their interest in having the 2005 Fall Conference at CS Channel Islands.



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