

SWMTC
Friday, March 18, 2011
Minutes

The conference was held at Trinity Lutheran Church in Bangor, Michigan. Mr. Brad Pleuss opened with devotion.

Sheri Roth gave a presentation on Curious Kids Museum. She was thanked.

Reports

- Michigan District
 - No Report
 - Convention June 7-8 of 2011
- Michigan Lutheran
 - Enroll at 118
 - 26 freshmen enrolled
 - 19000 from lighthouse
 - Writing instruction is being moved up in high school career
 - Site visit for approval of students with F1 visas.
 - Thanks for schools for allowing ML to come to the schools. Open house went well
 - Mr. Kruck is doing much better, but still in critical condition. Thanks was given to those individuals filling in for him
 - Japanese students to arrive on March 19. They will be here for two weeks.
 - Joint concert with Kettle Moraine LH
 - Sports and Academic Challenge are doing well
 - Musical info is coming soon
 - Possible flying a MLC professor and alum to ML for recruitment
- Academics
 - A motion was made, supported and approved to have a **one day academic day** to replace Spelling Bee/Forensics/Quiz Bowl days on a Saturday in November 2011 for the 2011-2012 school year
 - Questions were raised about when, the length of the day, logistics, number of events per student, and lower grade teachers as judges
- Athletic
 - Material for the Track Day was distributed to the school administrators
 - Changes for this year
 - Each teacher needs a stopwatch – no computer timing
 - Each school needs a baton for the relay
 - Track spikes/cleats - Running events only
 - High jump
 - Used to be at ML
 - In the past was at St. Paul's
 - Gym at ML is available for that day
 - If high jump is at ML would other schools participate?
 - Are there insurances issues

- No one to properly teach kids
 - After discussion the conclusion was made that high jump stay at St. Paul's Stevensville
 - Ribbon awards was adjusted
- Other
 - LWMS has a meeting at Otsego. Rev. Paul Prange will be speaking on the Future of Lutheran Schools.

Business Meeting

- Roll Call was taken
- Minutes were read and approved
- Camp Lor-Ray, teen retreat, and Worship Conference (Children's Choir) were plugged. Check out their respective web-site
- Election Results
 - Vice Pres. – Greg Rush
 - Rules – Carrie Zak
 - Academic – Jerome Wolff
 - Athletic – Laurie Bame
- Election Problems
 - Very difficult to fill need positions
 - Make positions a rotation, much like judges for academics
 - Guidelines state the President should be a principal
 - Vice-President are male teachers
 - Questions/Discussion
 - Could teachers choose a committee(s)?
 - Do the chair people have to be men?
 - Physical meeting don't always have to happen... district/PTD
 - Would gaps develop?
 - Because of a smaller pool of people, would it be better to join with another conference?
 - Travel would cut into our day
 - What is our focus?
 - It would be a great opportunity to work together to boost enrollment and resources
 - *A motion was made, supported and approved for the Rules committee to contact the Michigan district president and another conference concerning joint professional development to coincide with the March conference. Each conference would conduct their own business meeting.*
 - *A motion was made, supported and approved for Rules Committee to present a plan for a rotation to fill conference positions. This plan will be presented to the principals for their August meeting. The principals will give the final approval to the Rules committee's recommendation.*
- Treasures Report

Meeting was broken for lunch

The afternoon was started with devotion by Pastor Headrick.

Retirement acknowledgement and thanks were given to Ms. Rosen.

ML Report was given. (see above)

Pastor Headrick gave a bible study on the Third Petition of the Lord's Prayer. He was thanked for his study.

A motion was made, supported and passed to thank Trinity Bangor for hosting our meeting.

Holy Trinity Wyoming will hold the 2012 meeting.