

Southwestern Michigan Teachers' Conference
Friday, March 19, 2010
Minutes

The conference was held at St. John's Lutheran School in Dowagiac. Pastor Jeff Weber opened with a devotion.

Keegan and Kathryn Dowling gave a presentation on Friends of China. They were thanked.

After a 15-minute break, several reports were given.

MI District - The MI district teachers' conference will be held in Plymouth. The conference is looking for speakers from within the district to cut down on costs.

MLHS - Mr. Butzow reported the following:

- All the elementary schools were visited.
- March 27 ,2010 is registration for 8th graders.
- Academic Challenge students from ML will assist with the grade school Quiz Bowl.
- Several students are taking a trip to MLC. MLHS currently has 8 alumni at MLC.
- The Easter concert and spaghetti supper are scheduled for March 28.
- The faculty is working on curriculum mapping.
- The area LES are invited to MLHS children's theater on Thursday, April 22.
- The girls' basketball team won their 5'h district championship.
- Academic Challenge team is in the finals against St. Joe.
- Festival Singers will travel to AZ for choral fest.
- Prism Concert Matinee and Titan for a Day will be held Friday, May 21.

Academic Quiz Bowl will be held Saturday, March 20. Discussion was held about moving the day of spelling bee, forensics, and quiz bowl from a Saturday to a school day. Concerns were addressed regarding parental involvement, lower grade students, the number of school days being used for such events, and lower grade teachers serving as judges. No motion was made.

Athletic Track meet materials were handed out to each school. It is being looked into whether the mile run may be run as a cross-country type event instead of around the track.

The business meeting was held.

Roll Call was taken.

The minutes were approved.

Election results were announced:

President	Brad Pleuss
Conference Rules	Margie Dowling
Academic	Shannon Kruschel
	Chris Treder
Athletic	Ken Nolte
	Nate Sievert

There was no one willing to run for the position of secretary/treasurer. It was stated that in such a case the new president would appoint someone to serve. Brad Pleuss, as the incoming president, asked if anyone was willing to serve in this position. Nick Raith volunteered. There was a motion that Brad Pleuss appoint Nick Raith to serve in the position of secretary/treasurer.

The motion was passed.

Ken Nolte announced that MLHS will host the Bell Festival on April 18. He also gave an update on Camp LorRay.

Lunch was held.

The afternoon opened with a devotion by Dave Snyder of Grace, St. Joseph.

Pastor Clint Rogas of St. Paul, South Haven gave a religious presentation on The Lord's Prayer: The Second Petition.

The host congregation was thanked. Next year the Southwestern Michigan Teachers'

Conference will be held at Trinity in Bangor.

The conference adjourned with the singing of the doxology.

Respectfully Submitted, Miss Amanda Treder