**2014 IAAPT Business Meeting**

**Oct. 25th, Bettendorf High School**

The business meeting of the Iowa Chapter of AAPT was called to order at 12:35 in the commons room of Bettendorf High School, Oct. 25, 2014 by President Sara Karbeling. Election of Officers was the first item on the agenda. Since our incoming president is Nate Quarderer who is a two year college person, it was preferable to have a 4 year college person as Pres. Elect. Kristin Thompson from Loras College was nominated and unanimously elected as President Elect. Our current treasurer Jay Cutler had announced that he wished to step down after his many years of service. Ian Spangenberg from Pleasant Valley High School in Bettendorf was nominated and unanimously elected to that position after some discussion as to the procedure and difficulties of moving the chapter’s money to another bank. Further discussion by the incoming and outgoing treasurers will take place before any final decision is made on this. The position of VP for High School was also up for elections. After some discussion as to what the position duties were, Matt Harding from West High School in Iowa City was elected to that position.

The treasurers report was given by Jay who said we are in very good shape financially even after our donation to the scholarship fund for Cliff Chancey last year. Totals on hand were about $50 in checking, $400 in savings, and $3775 in a CD. A big hand and “Thank You” were given to Jay for his many years as treasurer to our organization and his untiring support.

The meeting format was a topic of discussion with the question as to whether we wanted to try to add a workshop component to our meeting structure. Further discussion on this will take place among the officers as to whether we can or should implement this for the next meeting. It was decided that we would keep the one day meeting format and still have this meeting in the 1st week of November if possible.

Matt Harding discussed starting a social media group that the Iowa teachers could use to share ideas and get more involved in IAAPT which was part of a greater discussion on how to get more high school teachers involved with IAAPT. One idea was to contact the STEM coordinators of each region to help make contact with the teachers in those regions. Another idea was to have some smaller regional IAAPT meetings of some kind and also building some kind of training (such as Arduino, etc.) into these meetings which might give teachers a reason to join. It was decided to set some time frame goals for these ideas and expand it to be a STEM meeting instead of just physics so that we could attract a broader range of teachers. Kristin volunteered to prepare an outline for this which she would complete by middle of January and present to Sara and Nate. Nate also suggested that you look at the teachers in your immediate area and see who is not coming or getting the on IAAPT and trying to contact them to get them involved. There was also discussion about having an IAAPT booth at the ISTA meeting to reach out to teachers who may not know about IAAPT and try to get them involved. Corporate sponsors for giveaway prizes would be sought if we did this. Sara and Nate said they would be happy to explore this booth possibility.

Sara Karbeling volunteered her location in Des Moines as the place to hold next year’s meeting. Everyone liked that idea due to its central location. There was some brief discussion as to other locations in Des Moines to hold the meeting but for now it will be at Sara’s school unless she deems a move is appropriate.

We also discussed some outreach venues and ideas to go along with the present STEM initiatives. The prevailing idea was that several of our members who were close together location wise should collaborate on an event and then invite all interested people within an hour’s drive of that location to meet, present, and share ideas.

Jay presented some ideas that we could use some of our surplus money on to promote physics. A vibrant discussion about awards, scholarships, or grants that we could support ensued with no definite decision being made at this time but some good ideas were proposed. 1. A contest to develop a self-contained hands-on kiosk that could be moved from place to place throughout the state. The kiosk would concentrate on a particular concept such as heat engines. An offering of 5 ea. $400 grants for a successful design of a kiosk with an offer of $2000 for the winning design which would then be cycled in public places around the state so that it could be accessed by all.

Peter Bruecken and Chris Like were both commended by the Iowa and Illinois sections for the tremendous job they did coordinating and hosting this meeting at their establishment. One of the best meeting we have ever had with a good time being had by all.

Nate made the motion to adjourn and Eric Olsen seconded. The “yeas” had it!! Meeting adjourned at 1:25 pm

Dale Stille

IAAPT Co-Secretary.