

# Southwest District (Area 3)

*Minutes of the September 15, 2018 meeting*

*Location: Clements High School*

The meeting was called to order at 10:18 a.m. by President Nikki Reed. 24 district teachers were present including all executive board members (Nikki Reed-President, Jessica Lambert Vice-President, Trisha Brown-Secretary, Bonnie Beard-Treasurer, Ashley Clements-Officer Coordinator, Lauren White-Officer Co-Coordinator). Guests present were Allen Kaminski and George Krejci.

Ms. Reed opened the meeting with a welcome and greetings from our sponsors- Mr. Kaminski and Mr. Krejci.

**Minutes of the previous meeting:** Minutes of the previous meeting were distributed to members to read. Minutes approved as read.

**Treasurers report:** Bonnie Beard reported a balance on hand of \$5,994.73. She reported that she is still waiting to file form 990-EZ.

## **New Business:**

*Introductions-* All teachers introduced themselves and shared their location and years of teaching experience. Nikki Reed discussed the executive board officer positions and explained the position terms and subsequent position rotations for the secretary and vice-president.

*District Directory-* A copy of the district directory was passed around the room and teachers were requested to make any corrections necessary so that the document could be up-dated.

*Dues-* Bonnie Beard moved to charge a \$25 late fee for all district dues which are not post-marked by November 1<sup>st</sup>. Motion was seconded and passed. Bonnie also cautioned all teachers to make sure that they settle their JudgingCard and roster accounts or they will be locked out of registering for any events managed via JudgingCard. A discussion over the \$3 district dues was had. Traylor Lenz moved to have the district pay the Area LDE entry fees for advancing teams. Ashley Schaffler seconded. Motion passed.

*LDEs-* Nikki Reed shared the date and location of our district LDE- Stafford HS on 11-5-18 @ 4 pm. The job interview paperwork will be due on judging card by midnight of November 4<sup>th</sup>. Chapters are not to enter Stafford HS before 3:15 p.m. Jessica Lambert moved that the district host a Southwest District Invitational Spanish Creed contest during our district LDE's with the executive board to determine awards. Motion seconded by Bonnie. Motion passed. Jason Deli sandwich meals (\$5) will be available on Judgingcard to order for the event. Nikki Reed discussed the idea of having an Inaugural year t-shirt available for purchase. Scott Jones moved that Nikki order LDE shirts from whichever company will give the district the best price and we sell them at cost. Motioned passed. Motion to reconsider offered by Bonnie Beard. Motion passed. Bonnie moved to amend the original motion by striking out cost and inserting \$10. Motion seconded and passed.

Area LDE's will be held at Lone Star College -Tomball on November 16<sup>th</sup> with the skills teams to compete at Tomball High School. It will be an all-day event. Traylor Lenz moved that the district pay Area LDE contest fees for those district teams which advance. Seconded by Ashley Schaffler. Motion passed.

*District Website-* Trisha Brown discussed the district website and the current items included on the site. Suggestions for additional site information: links to different important websites (JudgingCard, area website, etc....), links to district contest results, scholarship opportunities.

*District Officers-* Ashley Schaffler reported that the district officers are available to speak at meetings or other chapter events. She requested that teachers contact her 2 weeks prior to the event and provide details (date, times, location, officer role).

*District Convention, Speaking & Degree Check-* will be held at Stafford High School on April 18, 2019 after school.

*Area Scholarship Check-* will be held May 1, 2019 at 9 am at Mayde Creek High School. Teachers were reminded to have seniors complete their FASP asap, and retake SAT/ACT as needed. Each Area will have 7 guaranteed scholarships.

*Other items-* Kevin Parker moved that the district send \$100 financial support to Josh Rush from Sweeny (Cancer) to assist with medical needs. Motion passed

Jessica Lambert moved to adjourn. Motioned seconded and passed. Meeting adjourned at 11:16 a.m.

Submitted by:

Trisha Brown (Southwest District Secretary)