

~Minutes of the~

**ATAT Professional Development Conference
Southwest District Virtual Meeting
Tuesday July 28, 2020**

The meeting was called to order by President Jessica Lambert at 4:35 p.m.

Minutes of the Fall 2019 meeting were read and approved. Copy of the minutes located on the district website.

Treasurer reported that the balance on hand at time of meeting was \$11,182.94.

The executive board introduced themselves followed by those teachers new to the district.

All teachers were reminded to check their information on the district directory and to email Trisha any corrections. The importance of having cell phone numbers was reiterated as we face the world of virtual learning.

New Business

- Elect a new Vice President (fill vacancy for second year of term)

The motion to open nominations to fill the vacant vice president seat was made by Bonnie Beard. Motioned seconded with Chase Watson nominating Gail Coulter and Anna Albright nominating Dustin Black. Nominations closed and Dustin Black elected to the position.

- Reinstatement and/or elect new committee members and Degree Check volunteers
 - The following individuals volunteered to serve on committees for the 2020-21 year
 - Convention Registration (2)- Kevin Parker and Melissa Lane
 - Area Officer Interview Committee-Reagan Swafford
 - LDE Rep- Lauren White
 - SDE Rep-Christine Sanders
 - Scholarship Rep (2)-Patricia Brown and Zach Nowak
 - Last year's Degree Check volunteers
 - Star GH- Traylor Lenz
 - Star CF- Gail Coulter
 - Star LS--- Lauren White
 - Star American-Kelli Tiemann
 - Proficiencies (2)- Christine Sanders and Patricia Brown
 - Lone Stars (2)- Elizabeth Martin, Leah Wright, Chase Watson
- Executive board recommended continuation of awarding 4 - \$500 scholarships for district applicants who were not awarded state or area scholarships upon proof of enrollment in post-secondary education, trades or military. Motion to accept recommendation made by Traylor Lenz and seconded by Kevin Parker. Recommendation accepted
- Executive board recommended updating the signature card on the district checking account by removing Nikki Reed and adding Jessica Lambert. Motion to accept recommendation made by Traylor Lenz; seconded by Kevin Parker. Recommendation accepted.
- Discussion over LDE's- questions as to the possibility of conducting a virtual contest and what that would look like as well as the possibility of adding additional district level Greenhand competitions to increase number of events students can participate in as they work towards being more competitive when it comes to scholarships. No motions made, but Jessica said she would look to the Area for guidance as we are navigating uncharted times.
- Currently no fall district meeting date set as we wait for more school districts to make announcements as to what they will be allowing their teachers and students to do.
- Traylor Lenz encouraged all new teachers to contact ATAT and sign up for the mentor program.
- Announcements made:
 - Area Leadership Camp: August 14-16th
 - Area Greenhand Camp: September 18th
 - District Leadership Camp & Greenhand Camp : TBA
 - District LDE's: West Columbia H.S. on October 31st
 - Area LDE's: November 13th @ Berry Center

- Motion to adjourn made by Reagan Swafford; seconded by Bonnie Beard. Meeting adjourned at 5:18 pm.

Respectfully submitted,

Trisha Brown

Southwest FFA District, Area III
Board Secretary