GATFACS BOARD MEETING  
September 18, 2021  
Camp John Hope  

Attendance: Tracy Richardson, Aroneysa Braxton-Harris, Amanda Foley, April Woodard, Niki Coker, Vanessa Mellinger, Vickie Rundbaken, Jackie Merrill, Sheryl Parks, Leigh Johnson, Kayla Hartline, Felicia Hodges.

The board meeting began with a welcome from Leigh Johnson. Leigh read the thought for the Day which was prepared and submitted by Brittany Tolleson. Board members discussed celebrations and made brief introductions. Leigh called the meeting to order.

Minutes from the July Meeting were not read.

Leigh presented a financial report which was prepared and submitted by Megan Scott. As of 9/2/21 the GATFACS current account balance was $66,664.70. Information was presented about the contract made with Lake Lanier about the conference. Committee discussed breakeven attendance and possibility of a virtual conference.

According to Brittany Tolleson’s report the GACTE/GATFACS Membership is currently around 300. Brittany’s report encouraged board members to recruit additional members.

DOE Report was given by Vickie Rundbaken.
Vickie discussed the following
- teacher recruitment for the FACS program.
  She mentioned possible colleges to target for recruiting students.
- ECE articulation with Technical schools
- FACS Hall of fame. She hopes to announce the winner of the Hall of Fame this summer.
Applications will be received for the FACS Hall of Fame in January. The nomination will be available at GATFACS.
- Update of CTAERN resources is needed. (google drive) Funds are available to update resources.
- GACTE conference program was discussed.

Caitlin Roberson was unable to give a FCCLA Update.

Discussion of a new date for Fall GATFACS board meeting. A survey will be sent out to board members to determine a new date.

Committee Updates
Each chairperson needs to develop prompts, goals, the need for future meetings, working meetings, virtual options and invitations to serve on the GATFACS committee.
Public relation report (Amanda Foley): A google document will be provided by Amanda with possible ideas for an update. Specifically Amanda discussed changing the design of the website, the need to include consistent branding on the website and the creating ease of use for the website.

Awards (Tracy Richardson) Biggest challenge for the awards committee is to increase participation in awards. The awards document needs to be updated.

Nominations (Nikki Coker) Niki discussed securing members of the board. She welcomed ideas for encouraging others to apply for positions on the board.

Resolution (Aroneysa Braxton-Harris) Leigh discussed the possibility of combining resolution and legislative committees. This would be a reflection of how committees are organized in GACTE. Board members reviewed the role of these committees.

Membership (Kayla Hartline) Membership ideas: the use of a website, showcase to members, support and encourage each other, virtual introductions, ideas for the winter GATFACS.

Old Business
GATFACS Region Drive-in should be held in the fall of the year.
Possible agenda for the meeting which was suggested by the board: introduction of yourself, what is GATFACS, membership report for region, new recruitment.
A general powerpoint should be developed and customized for presentation at the drive in meetings.

Update of directory for GATFACS. An email with a survey will be sent by Vickie Rundbaken.

New Business
The President-elect's replacement procedure was discussed.
A motion was presented to appoint Karla Buckholz as president elect 2021-2022 by Jackie Meriil and second Kayla Hartline

Website Update.
Vickie Rundbaken discussed a refresh of the website by company 11 Fingers.
Motion made by Vanessa Mellinger to redesign the website with the company 11 Fingers for $1,200. Second made by Kayla Hartline.
Amendment was made to the motion to add a content manager platform for up to $1000.
Amendment to motion was seconded.
Amendment passed.
Vote for the motion and amendment was passed.
Policies Procedures/Bylaws

Board discussed the need to make changes to the bylaws article 6 section 4. Board has made a suggestion to combine legislative and resolution committees. Committee is charged to make recommendations to these bylaws.

Winter In Service
The following topics were discussed
- At current time virtual is not an option.
- Board considered feedback from the survey Vickie sent out in September.
- Changes to the agenda and timeline were discussed.
- Keynote Speaker Debbie Phillips was recommended.
  Jackie Merrill made a motion to give a donation of $500 to Debbie Phillips’ foundation in lieu of a guest speaker fee. Second was made. Vote passed. April Woodard abstained from the vote.
- Theme for the meeting was discussed.
- Ideas for gifts (cutting board for purchase other items donated brown bags, stickers, etc)
- Jackie Merrill made a motion to purchase cutting boards as a gift for participants. Second was made. Vote passed.

April Woodard made a motion that the meeting be adjourned. Second was made. Vote passed. Meeting adjourned.

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