

Orange County Math Council
October 19, 2009

Attendees: Amber Baur, Mark Ellis, Steve Graff, Brian Hightower, Chuck Mabry, Barb Post, Connie Wadsley, Nita Walker

Minutes from Sept 28, 2009 were accepted without change.
Connie suggested posting the minutes on the web site or googledocs.

Treasurer's Report: No report as Carol was not in attendance

Membership Report

Currently there are 351 members in the data base including 3 new ones received by CMC and forwarded to us.

Membership form for OCMC is online at www.ocmc.fullerton.edu.

Discussion about requiring officers to join OCMC and the time period membership covers followed. The time period for OCMC membership will be looked at as we review our constitution.

Science Night at OCC was attended by Barbara, Nita and Connie. They shared the many events, activities and ideas for OCMC participation in the future.

Math Field Day: Major planning session at next month's meeting

Dates: North: Saturday, May 15 at El Modena HS

South: Saturday, May 22 at Capo Valley HS

Tech Night: Thursday, Oct 30 at Westminster HS

We brainstormed ideas for increasing participation at the tech night and how to get the word out to more people. OCMC board members were encouraged to send messages to those in their district or classes encouraging teachers and students to attend.

New Business:

Facebook page:

Action Item: Brian and Amber will set up an OCMC facebook page. Amber will work with Tina on sending out the details.

Newsletter: Connie appointed Amber to the position of Newsletter Chair. Amber shared a sample first newsletter.

Action Item: Amber will send the newsletter out as a pdf file with hyperlinks. The goal is to have the first issue out around November 10 with additional issues published in December, February, April, June, August, and October. Some suggested items for inclusion were math problems and puzzles, current research related to math and the teaching of math, calendar at a glance, membership form/info, flyers for upcoming events, photos of events, teacher submitted lessons, etc. Many suggestions were offered with a reminder that the newsletter should contain factual, mathematics-based information and answers in addition to any puzzles, games, lessons, etc. A reminder about copyright laws was given.

Constitution/By-laws Last revision was probably in 1993.

Connie pointed out areas where OCMC is not in compliance with the current Constitution as well as places where the Constitution is unclear. Connie and Barbara will continue to work on these areas and share the process through Google docs. Amber handed out a directions to access Google docs and Connie requested that anyone wishing to view updates, suggestions and work being done give her the email they wish to use for goggle docs. Connie and Barb welcome all suggestions and comments from OCMC members regarding the constitution update.

Nominations and Election: According to the Constitution, nominations and elections are to take place during the October time period with the change of officers taking place in January. OCMC will begin the process of electing officers at the November meeting.

Everyone was reminded to continue to encourage people to attend our Tech Night!

Submitted by
Barbara Post

Next Meeting Date: Monday, Nov 16 in room D1009 at OCDE

Web sites: Orange County Math Council: www.ocmc.fullerton.edu

California Math Council: www.CMC-math.org