

**Minutes of the Executive Board Meeting  
Mississippi Business Education Association  
September 18, 2014  
5:40pm  
Salute' Italian Restaurant, Gulfport, MS**

**Call to Order**

President Nashandra James called the meeting held on Thursday, September 18, 2014 to order at 5:40pm.

**Present:** Gail Warner, Carol Jarvis, Joyce Hill, Christy Ferguson, Angela Kitchens, Jan Guyse, Margaret Blue, Joanna Alston, Lisa Courtney, Lyndie Lyon, Vickie Keel, Deborah Brandon, Elaine Eavenson, Amie Crawford, Debbie Burnham, Nashandra James, Dr. Pamela Bracey, Dr. Michelle Taylor.

**Minutes and Correspondence**

Lisa Courtney made a motion to approve prior minutes; Michelle Taylor seconded the motion.

**Treasurer's Report**

We currently have **\$9,439.34** in our account. A printed report was presented for review. \$4,895.00 of income was received, and \$1,067.02 in expenses was disbursed. The following expenses were not included in the aforementioned amounts:

Courtyard Marriott Beachfront, Gulfport	\$2,824.54 (approximately)
Joanna Alston – Gifts	\$55.53
Joanna Alston – Miscellaneous	\$111.21
Debbie Brandon – Speaker Gift	\$26.96
Debbie Brandon – Presenter Gifts	\$67.37

Joanna Alston moved to approve the Treasurer's report. Elaine Eavenson seconded the motion.

**President-Elect's Report/Fall Conference Update**

Joanna reported that a total of 56 people are registered; 2 of those will pay on site. Joanna thanked Michelle Taylor for printing the conference programs. The At-a-Glance Conference Schedule was reviewed, and Joanna stated that the business meeting time on the agenda was revised to avoid attendees leaving the early. Media bags were ordered in lieu of conference bags; however, since the order minimum was 100, we will have many left over and plan to sell them for \$10 each. Joyce Hill agreed to say the blessing for the luncheon. Joanna thanked the Board for all of their assistance in making sure that the conference was a success.

**SBEA/NBEA Membership Report**

Margaret Blue reported that membership is still low; not only MBEA, but nationwide. The last current roster that Margaret received was from July 2014, as it takes approximately 3 weeks to receive an updated roster from NBEA. We had a total of 73 members, but some people may be missing since the report only goes back a certain number of years. Margaret also pleaded with Board members to reach out to colleagues and encourage them to join. When one joins MBEA, they automatically join SBEA without any additional payment. Leadership opportunities are available; however, Margaret implied that as professionals it is up to us to seize the opportunities. Several Board members' dues are not current according to the latest roster; Margaret offered to personally accept dues and actually send

them to Headquarters for convenience sake. Attendance at SBEA and NBEA conferences was also suggested. NBEA's 2016 Conference will be in Las Vegas, NV.

### **State Department Update**

Angela Kitchens reported that Teresa Jones is now in the Office of Accreditation. The transition of the 105 and 111 to the 405 and 411 is now in process. The 105 and 111 endorsements will no longer be valid after this school year. Angela also stated that there is no grandfathering process.

### **FBLA/PBL Foundation Report**

Jan Guyse reported that at the 2014 FBLA National Leadership Conference in Nashville, Mississippian educator Banita Ford was awarded the National Local Advisor of the Year. Sara Beth Hyde of Sacred Heart High School was a National Who's Who winner was from Hattiesburg, MS. We also had a National 1<sup>st</sup> Place Winner (Brittany Russell, Intro to Business Communication) and 2<sup>nd</sup> Place Winner (Drew Mitchell) from Mississippi. Local Advisor of the Year was MBEA Board Member, Christy Ferguson. FBLA Membership is currently up to 2,645; FBLA Middle Level is currently 544; and PBL Membership is currently down to 543 members, which is down 200 from last year.

FBLA Fall Leadership Conference will be held at ECCC, on October 28, 2014. Cost is \$22 and includes two meals.

#### ***Spring FBLA Competitions:***

Feb 5, Jones Community College

Feb 12, East Central Community College

Feb 27 Northeast MS Community College

PBL Conference is March 25-27, MUW in Columbus

FBLA SLC is April 8-10 at Jackson Marriott

### **Professional Awards**

Debbie Burnham reported that we had multiple submissions for awards this year (2 to 3 per category).

### **Student Awards**

Christy Ferguson reported that we had a total of 11 submissions from only four (4) different schools. She also encouraged Board members to encourage students to apply in the future for resume enhancement.

### **MBEA Newsletter**

Gail Warner thanked everyone who submitted articles. The next newsletter will be published by March.

### **MBEA Journal**

Amie Crawford reported that she got absolutely no response for journal information.

### **MBEA Website**

Nashandra reported that she and Amie did contact Joy regarding the website. She recommended that instead of allowing our website to continue to be hosted by MECA, we purchase our own domain and host a website built in either Wix, Weebly, Wordpress, or a Google Site. Margaret stated that if we link to NBEA's website, we need to make sure that it is always current because they monitor it carefully.

Joyce Hill offered to serve as Webmaster and Lisa Courtney also stated that she would talk to her coworker, Sadie, for recommendations. It was also suggested that we use our official MBEA email address for all correspondence. Amie Crawford made a motion to create a new website from scratch using a web-based application, Lisa seconded it. No other specific details or website-related decisions were confirmed.

## **New Business**

### ***2014 - 2015 Executive Board Office Nominations***

The Current Slate Officers is below:

President	Joanna Alston
President - Elect	Dr. Michelle Taylor
Vice President	Christy Ferguson
Secretary	Dr. Pamela Bracey
Treasurer	Amie Crawford
Historian	Lisa Courtney
Past President	Nashandra James
State Membership Director	Carole Deere
Senior College Representative	Vickie Keel 2013-2016
Jr./Community College Representative	Deborah Brandon 2012-2015
Jr./Community College Representative	Judy Hurtt 2014-2017
High/Middle School Representative	Courtney Coleman 2012-2015
High/Middle School Representative	Carol Jarvis 2012-2015
High/Middle School Representative	Lyndie Lyon 2012-2015
Student Member	VACANT

Margaret Blue moved that the slate be approved, Vickie Keel seconded the motion.

### ***NBEA 2015 Annual Convention, Chicago Marriott Downtown: March 31 - April 4***

#### ***SBEA Conference, Little Rock, Arkansas: October 1 - 4, 2014***

Nashandra stated that Mississippi had three representatives traveling to SBEA. Margaret stated that donations were being requested for a SBEA Breakfast, and a silent auction gift for SBEA. Joyce Hill made a motion for a \$200 stipend for those traveling to SBEA, \$50 donation for the Silent Auction, \$100 donation to assist with the breakfast request. Debbie Brandon seconded the motion.

The meeting was adjourned at 7:08pm