DECTFL BOARD MEETING

Thursday, December 11, 2014

4:00-6:00 at Don Pablo’s restaurant

**Minutes**

Attendees: Gina Travalini-Rubini, Jennifer Short, Christopher Wendel, Diana Robbins, Andea LaCombe and Holland Schnittger

* DECTFL Conference
	+ Name will be “DECTFL CONFERENCE”
	+ Dover Public Library: 35 Lockerman Plaza, Dover, DE 19901
	+ 9:00 am- 3:30 pm
	+ PDMS credit hours- verifying with Gregory Fulkerson
	+ Presenters- Gina Travalini-Rubini, Jennifer Short, Darryl Skrovanek, Ali Alalou and Yahzbel Waters have already offered to present. Gina will send out e-mail to ask for other presenters. Vista Higher Learning has also offered to present.
	+ 40 minute presentations followed by a 5 minute break in between for next set up for next presenter.
* Networking event
	+ Thursday, January 22, 2015
	+ Location: Sushi Yama- 572 West Main Street, Middletown, DE 19709
	+ Food: edamame, deep friend stuffed wontons, California rolls, shumai
	+ Budget $200
* Budget: Chris Wendel gave us an update on current balance
* Requirements for Board members: proposal to have all Board members (not including honorary members) attend a minimum of 75% of DECTFL events. Email will be sent out to all board members for vote by Gina before Dec. 17.
* April 23 Board meeting
	+ Location has moved to Dover
	+ Dover Downs ”Frankies” (free appetizers)
* Student Contest
	+ Cash prizes- $50 student / $25 teacher
	+ 4 categories: private K-8, public K-8, private 9-12 and public 9-12
	+ Students must be a student of a current DECTFL member
	+ Topic will be held private until January 5, 2015
	+ Contest will run from January 5-April 30, 2015
* Give-a-ways- budget $200-300 (have already spent $200 on cups, travel mugs, key chains and cozys) $100 surplus will be spent on mouse pads and bags.
* Vista Higher Learning Sponsorship
	+ Will contact Beatrice and inform her that she would be able to sponsor a networking event or 2015 banquet
	+ Negotiate budget
	+ More information will be forthcoming
* DECTFL Mentoring program
	+ Email will be sent out to all DE foreign language teachers asking if anyone would be interesting in mentoring new teachers and/or being mentored if you are a new teacher and/or have a need for peer support
	+ Gina will also email Districts and ask about new teachers as well as inform them of DECTFL’s new mentoring program
* Delegates Conference in San Antonio (tabled until next meeting)
	+ WL Proficiency certificates for students
	+ DECTFL politician advocacy