***DeCTFL minutes for January 10th, 2019***

**ATTENDEES**: Jennifer Short, Holly Schnittger, Gregory Fulkerson, Bronwyn DuHadaway, Vincent Civarelli, Andea Lacombe, Basia Moltchanov, Gina Travalini-Rubini, Kate Dougherty, Tracey Kackley, Chris Wendell.

**A. First discussion on the agenda**- Step up our game for TOY/AOY by scanning as one file. Gregory suggests we “bite the bullet” and “put it all in there”.

\*AOY – next time “have a brief blurb” about the candidates (Holly)

\*Gina proposes that teachers be allowed to be AOY. Specific criteria is needed if this is to be pursued.

\*Open up TOY to non-educators such as Holly’s Italian restaurant (active with the Italian program by donating free items).

\*Opt for a Friends of Languages (FOL) award. Gina suggests that this be “pushed several times”. Do we need a sub-committee in order to create the criteria?

\*Have nominations by the end of the school year (September 14th DeCTFL).

\*Gina proposes that board members cannot vote for themselves if they are nominated for AOY/TOY. A motion is made and passed with a unanimous vote.

\* Kate motions to close the nomination period before the end of the school year (June1) but keep open for nominees over the summer (open April1, close June1).

**B.** **Networking-Vinnie:**

**\***not much response in general to networking events. Vinnie mentioned that Lyndsay Greenberg from Tatnall would like to join the board.

\*Holly suggests that all plans be put on social media one time for the year.

\*Bronwyn suggests we try an event near the end of March.

\*Jenn would like for everyone to brainstorm activities/ideas for next year.

\*what are the benefits of networking? Marketing and public relations.

\*Debbie Espitia is the chair of PR and can CC Jenn.

\*Vinnie and Patty can work on pallets as an event.

**C. Scholarships**:

\*Currently there is one teacher award at $500.00 and one student award at $250.00

\*Jenn would like to have two teacher scholarships/awards.

LILL-

\*this is a 2 year commitment which Gregory says is worth it. In Nashville this year, it is a 3 day event.

\*Could DeCTFL cover approximately $1,000.00? The deadline is March 1st.

\*Andea feels this is rushed for this year.

\*Holly motions that we get someone to represent DE for LILL June 24-26 this year in Nashville. The motion is passed.

\*Gina read the requirements for LILL “emerging” leader does not necessarily mean a young, new teacher but can mean “different things”.

\*we need to start this now (Bronwyn, Holly, Gina). Nominations and materials are due March 1st. \*Nominees February 1st?

**D. Gina PD budget paraphernalia:**

\*Embassy suites $8,336.34

\*members $4,290.00

\*non-members $3,075.00

\*vendors $600.00 ($650?)

\*in the red by $1,560.00 but now back in the black by almost $1,000.00 thanks to new membership.

\*Gina suggests eliminating one room for next year which would save $400.00

\*we could duplicate presenters.

\*excellent feedback was provided from the event

\*we need to get more sponsors for next year, early

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\*Holly can go to the Superintendent to fund districts for DeCTFL memberships.

\*The fee can be increased from $55.00 to $60-65.00

\*Next year we will need a new keynote speaker

\*Spring PD. Holly sent a link. Is this financially feasible? We would need to take a day off.

\*Holly is enthusiastic about the two ladies from Long Island. Promoting Proficiency through games.

\*Have PD on a Saturday? Holly will look into the cost and Gregory will look into PDMS hours.

**E. Kate/Andea K-16 collaboration:**

\* 2 days over the summer and October (8 teachers on a Saturday). Next dates are February then May.

\*Overall good feedback with 20 teachers participating

\*Should we do this again next year?

\*More UD faculty members are needed in the future.

\*What are the goals of the collaboration? Would more be interested?

\*Jenn-vertical articulation is great and getting more teachers! We need high school students to continue to “college”.

\*Kate-understanding Proficiency (Bill Van Patton book), to discuss together

\*highlights….teachers are getting a lot out of this. There is good collaboration from all different schools. (public, private, Charter. Good feedback from UD). Basia is pleased with the results/program.

\*Next year? The committee will meet next week to discuss this.

\* Is 20 a good number? Kate feels there could be more participants. She suggests streamlining collaborations/presentations. Subcommittee? Andea says this requires a lot of work!

\*Andea requested $150.00 for breakfast for the rest of the year.

\*Basia and Gregory are submitting to ACTFL regarding the K-16 initiative. Collaboration with high school and UD, bridging the gap.

**F. Chris:**

\*$5,839.21 currently in the bank

\*$1,200.00 in memberships. Not many people are taking the 2 or 3 year option.

\* $394.75 for social events

\*$255.00 at the Crooked Hammock. The general concern is that this is not worth the money (Sussex co.).

\*Chris would like to see more networking in Middletown. Maybe a conference?

\*This year lost $870.00 on the banquet due to no sponsors. Price increase?

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$30/$55/$80

\*Increase the conference cost

\*discussed the cost of software and various costs (3.5% stripe/transaction every 100….Weebly….)

\*Holly will push to get a sponsor or sponsors to help keep costs down and bring in more people (lost money this year).

\*there needs to be pictures and bio’s of TOY/AOY. This year was a big improvement. Holly invited all supervisors, only one came (and did not pay).

\*most people want Thursday before the conference for the banquet.

\*Unofficial date for the banquet is October 3rd with the conference for October 4th.

\*The World Language Showcase has been postponed until the next school year