

MINUTES
STANYS Western Section Board Meeting
January 17, 2018 @ 4:00pm
Sweet Home High School, Room 712

The STANYS Western Section Board meeting was held at Sweet Home High School. The meeting was called to order at 4:12PM by Sarah English. The following board members were in attendance: Mary Kay Flett, Cheryl Aldrich, Katie Sugg, Meg Helmes, Jeff Arnold, Susan Cyrulik,, Sarah English, Jeff Salerno, Susan Sullivan, Karen Lester, Cheryl Aldrich, Tim Coughlin

Minutes: Motion to accept minutes as amended by Susan Sullivan, seconded by Sarah English.

Treasurer's Report -Karen Lester

Balance: \$8,948.73

Science Congress/ State Science Fair; all funds match

Membership Report - via Tim Coughlin

- 170 members presently

SAR Reports

- Elementary - Mary Kay Flett/Cheryl Aldrich
 - Buffalo Museum of Science in conjunction with Erie 1 BOCES; Jr. Docent Programs for the following groups;
 - K-2
 - 3-5
 - 3-8
- Intermediate/BOCES- Susan Cyrulik
 - Amanda Zullo- State Science Representative made it very clear that there is no timeline for science standards implementation.
- Earth Science - Bill Garlapo
 - No Report
- Living Environment – Katie Sugg
 - Mini Courses through Buffalo State
- Chemistry - Dr. Sarah English
 - Thursday, February 1- North Western STANYS Event - 4-7pm; Lockport High School
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- Physics - Dan MacIsaac/Jeff Salerno
 - Physics Olympics (December 2nd) was great! Record numbers of kids and schools represented.
 - WNY Physics Teachers Alliance next meet January 27 at Buffalo State College. [WNYPTA](#)
 - AP Physics PLT met January 16 (next meeting March 20).

- College - Dave Henry
 - Excused/No Report
- Retiree – Rod Doran/ Kathleen Burke
 - Excused
- Special Education –
 - No Report
- At-large - Rose Ciansiosa and Lowell Sylwester
 - No report

Old Business

1. Website Update-
 - a. Westernstanys.com
 - b. Live and active
 - c. Please come back to our section meeting in February with suggestions for the website
2. Mini-Conference - promotion, committee formation, call for presenters/vendors
 - a. Wednesday, March 28
 - b. 4-7 PM
3. Spring Science Leader Events (Penn Dixie Quarry, Tift Farms, and Reinstein Woods)
 - a. Tentative Dates: April 19, May 17, June 7 (All Thursdays)
 - b. 4:00/ 4:30 start
 - c. Target Audience: K-12
4. Exec Board "Town Hall" Meeting on Feb 9, 6-8pm
 - a. Christie's Restaurant [1056 Union Rd, West Seneca, NY 14224](#)
 - b. Please respond

New Business

1. Elections
2. Future Social Events- Will be replaced with the Science Leaders events listed above
3. Spring Awards Dinner at Daemen College
 - a. Call for Nominees in March
4. Thoughts, Prayers, and Well-wishes

March 24, Local Science Fair- Douville

June 2- State Science Fair- Melanie Koch Taking it over

Next Meeting;

February 28- Sweet Home High School

March no meeting- Mini Conference

April 18

May 9

May 23- Service Award Dinner in Alumni Lounge @ Daemen College

June 6

Motion to adjourn at 5:40 by Tim Coughlin, seconded by Mary Kay Flett