

FCEA Board Meeting

10/20/04 at 7 pm

The Dining Room of the Gulfstream Hotel

Present: Kevin Morgan and Julia Rawa, Co-Presidents; Steve Brahle, Vice-President; Jane Jones, Web Weaver; Richard McKee, representing Florida English; Helen Connell, Newsletter Editor; Susan Nugent, Immediate Past President; Mary (Dusty) Maddox, Board Member.

1. Kevin and Julia welcomed us to this meeting. Kevin reported that in the treasury, FCEA has \$2,586.41.
2. Steve Brahle overviewed some of the special events of the conference including "Murder in the Cathedral" being performed at PBCC.
3. The Nominating Committee reported the people presently being considered for offices and for board members. Other names were suggested. Nominating Board members left with their assignments.
4. Membership Committee – Julia reported that she had contacted chairs, but recognized that the hurricanes hitting the various schools this fall has resulted in lower membership than usual.

The board considered a number of possibilities for developing membership. It was decided that a mailing (in contrast to simply e-mailing) is absolutely necessary. Kevin, Julia, and Steve will put together a packet of materials concerning FCEA. They will then gain the support of all board members. Each board member will take packets to Chairs and Departments near them.

5. Distinguished Colleague Award – Susan reported that everything went smoothly with the decision-making process.

6. Florida English – Much time was spent discussing issues surrounding this periodical. Some confusion has existed over whether or not this is a Florida College English Association Journal. Members all agreed that by the Board appointing an editor for this journal, the assumption was made that FCEA would be the sponsor. We all agreed that this problem needs to be resolved. So instead of placing the blame, we decided to move forward with some guidelines.

The Board agreed to support the journal at the level of \$500. Given increase in memberships and considering other expenses of the organization, this may be raised. In turn, Florida English needs to include "A Florida College English Association Publication" clearly on the cover. Inside, again, the journal needs to be listed as sponsored by FCEA with support from others listed as secondary.

The editors of Florida English were commended for the quality of the journal.

7. Other Business:

A. The February meeting, to be held on the second Saturday in February, will be held at DeVries College. Dusty will arrange the meeting.

B. Susan reported that FADE has faded. The board agreed that it was time to let FADE disappear for awhile.

Respectfully submitted by Susan Nugent, Secretary Pro Tem