

**WGI-US Southeast Region Annual Board Meeting  
St. Patrick's Catholic School, Norfolk, VA  
September 10<sup>th</sup> 2016**

**Minutes of the Meeting**

1. Approved the agenda; Wendall Walker moved and Steve Hammond seconded
2. Treasurer Report from Outgoing Treasurer Lucy Robbins shared by Willa Casstevens.
  - Beginning balance was \$6549.60; now \$6565.00.
  - Lucy Robbins doesn't want to be responsible for the account in Tennessee and is passing on the torch.
  - Opened an account at BB&T. Steve Hammond will be a signatory on this already opened account. He agrees to make a transfer from the old account to the new.
  - Willa will forward a statement from the old account in Tennessee to Steve Hammond.
  - Question from Nancy Herrick: Is there a scholarship as part of that bank account? Answer from Steve, No.
  - Motion to approve Lucy's Report; Steve moved and Nancy seconded.
  - All in favor: 100%
3. Discussion about whether to Incorporate again as a region.
  - History of past regional incorporation reviewed
  - Lapsed incorporation in Tennessee
  - Steve Hammond has contributed records of past board meetings held at St. Patrick's
  - We will need to reconstitute. In NC, it's required that we set up a Board and at that point, the board can choose to file for incorporation as a non-profit.
  - We're educational, non-profit; Willa will consult with Nancy's son-in-law to be sure that we meet NC requirements.
  - We have the EIN with the IRS as a 501C3.
  - We decided with 100% vote to incorporate in NC.
    - Information about requirements to incorporate: 1 Incorporator, 1 Director, President, Vice-President, Secretary, Treasurer (one person may hold more than one office, but cannot set up a conflict of interest; President and Secretary are mutually exclusive).
    - Suggestion that we hire an Attorney on record who sends us information we have to file regularly with state. Willa will look into this, and whether it's necessary.
    - Nancy moved that we incorporate as a Southeast Regional William Glasser organization. Steve seconded. 100% agreed.
    - Willa, Wendall, Jon Moneymaker, Steve, Gloria Smith Cisse, Charlotte Wellen, Nancy agreed to run for this Board; Jon is not eligible right now.
    - Nancy requested an uneven number of board members.
    - Motion to incorporate with a five-member board by Steve. Gloria seconded. 100% agreed
    - Do we want to combine the appointed role of WGI-US SE Region Representative, and SE Regional President or Board Chair?
    - Motion that Willa, Charlotte, Gloria, Steve and Wendall comprise a Board for the Southeast Region and that the Board will be in charge of incorporating in the state of NC by Willa; Gloria seconded it. 100% decision in favor.
    - Wendall made a motion that we consider that the WGI-US Region

Representative appointment for the Region be also our Regional Board/Chair.  
Nancy seconds it. 100% in favor.

- Suggestion that in the by-laws that we can designate the regional board's capacity to separate those positions, if the board chooses to do so.
- Willa will draft by-laws to give to board for review prior to submitting to NC for incorporation. She will request other regions to send copies of theirs.
- Once reviewed by board, Willa will share draft with Nancy's son-in-law (attorney in NC) to see if any changes need to be made. Draft done by October.
  - Willa voted in as Chair of Board
  - Charlotte voted in as Secretary
  - Steve voted in as Treasurer
  - Wendall voted in as Vice-President
  - Gloria voted in as Member-at-large
    - Vote was 100% in agreement for the entire slate of officers.
- Willa will remain Chair of a Board for the Region.
- Suggested a phone conference (e.g., Go to Meeting Nancy has paid for it and can help us use it). Next Board meeting: 2:00 pm, October 22, 2016

4. Discussion about upcoming national conference that the southeast region is hosting.

- Nancy suggested we create Committees to get the 2017 WGI-US Conference up and running, such as: Registration (Karen Riggs), Technology (Jon and Charlotte), Hospitality (Isabelle), Entertainment (Wendall) volunteers for this committee, Youth Program (Do we need one? Willa will get clarification; also, do we want to have one?)
- Volunteers will be needed to go to each of the sessions, give introductions, and sign for CEUs at the end.
  - WGI-US Board will be running Faculty Day on Sunday.
  - WGI-US Board is choosing the trainers for before the conference.
  - Cost of hotel room is \$114. (Willa will check to see if we can register already.)
- Pre-conference speaker event has already been contracted. (Wednesday, day-time) Peter Breggin; Robert Whitaker (still a question mark?)
- Bob Wubbolding is going to be a plenary speaker. We need additional plenary speakers and/or do we want a plenary panel?
- Another suggestion: Because the social work department is co-sponsoring with us, we'd like to see another speaker more on the Social Work side of things connecting with diversity. Dr. Karen Bullock is NC State University DSW Department Head and full professor with a specialty area of gerontology, and Dr. Kim Stansbury is Director of Graduate Program, an Associate Professor, who teaches social justice and is also a gerontologist in the department. Dr. Elijah Mickel was suggested as a speaker from the Choice Theory perspective.
 

We'd also like to have a panel discussion. Marty Price could speak about the days when he was an activist and he could share some marvelous life experiences. Sylvester Baugh co-authored a book on Diversity in the Workplace. Gideon Kilonzo might be a good person to speak on the panel. He's retired and has volunteered to be on the Diversity Council.

Ashby Kindler might come to talk about diversity in Quality Schools.  
Gloria Smith Cisse would like to moderate the panel discussion. Willa will take

this list to the WGI-US board, suggesting a moderated panel on Diversity and Choice Theory.

We want Quality Schools represented for the education track.

- We can make suggestions to the Board, but they will make the decisions. They are also in charge of the budget. Apparently, historically, this has been left up to regions. This is part of the reorganization. They're going to put out a call for papers and presentations.
- We're responsible for doing the hospitality, the onsite volunteers, people at doors to initial or stamp or sign-off to make sure that people are really there, because we're doing CEUs. Kim Olver has already asked Denise Daub to come up with a Logo for: Diversity is reality, Respect is a Choice. There's a real push not to have material programs, maybe some that people could pay for paper copies of them. We'd need to be able to make them and someone working on getting the ready. Entertainment: suggested Friday night dine around. People sign up to take them out in taxis, or SUVs. Are people likely to be bringing families? Raleigh is fabulous for kid education — science and history museums downtown are free. Shuttle bus from there to take people to the art museum, also free, just outside of town. Cameron Village, an open-air shopping area, four blocks from the hotel, which is the Brownstone Hotel. Contract has been signed by WGI-US.
- WGI-US Board is also going to take care of registration.
- Nancy said, "It's about the presentations."
- Charlotte proposed that we designate some star-schools to do a Quality School presentation and Willa will bring it up to the Board.
- Do program submissions come to the Region, or to the WGI-US?
- The Theme is: Diversity is Reality; Respect is a Choice
- Discussion of bags to give out to registrants. Decisions to be made later.
- Nancy will write up a 1-page description of what she envisions about the Youth Program possibility and send it on to Willa to bring to the Board. Nancy says that she believes someone local would be interested in running a children's program. They could run their own school bus to it.