



MINUTES: Massachusetts Chapter of AATG Executive Board Meeting (June 6, 2009) at Regis College

Present: Joan Murray, Cherie Baggs, Kristin Gillett, Sean Miner, Ellen Crocker, Kathleen Gallogly, Ulrike Brisson

1. Acceptance of Minutes of September 2008 Meeting.

2. Warum Deutsch cool ist Contest

18 Entrants. Beverly, Melrose, and Westford. Some came without videos or did not follow rules. 5 essays good. Kristin will send video for Chloe Wendell. Discussion of format. Send as file format or DVD. Student production important. Sean will post 5 top winners. 5 will get T-Shirts and CDs autographed by Die Prinzen. Top winner will get a video conference with Sebastian Krumbiegel.

3. Button Contest

Every two weeks there will be a contest posted online related to the Goethe buttons. There will be an essay online including a phrase from one button. Submit a digital photo of the class holding up the button. Contest will be sent out to the Listserve. Goethe Institute will post the essay. There are 40 different buttons. Inka Zahn (langdir@boston.goethe.org) is in charge.

4. Wolfram Hermann will be working by himself which will give him the freedom to do some more creative things. Will need to be paid directly for some things.

5. MaFLA German Strand

Cherie passed out an update of proposals received for the German strand of the 2009 Fall Conference. There will be a \$30. rebate for first 15 to sign up for the 3 Hour Workshop on Friday, October 30, 2009; Joan Campbell will be the recipient of the 15th Annual Massachusetts German Educator of the Year Award at the MaFLA Business and Awards Luncheon on Saturday, October 31, 2009. The AATG MA Chapter will pay for the luncheon for Joan and guest on Saturday and receive a Book Award.

Helene Zimmer-Loew will give the Keynote on Global Competence and a Friday session. 3 proposals have been received thus far. Laura and Alex will present on Friday Ulrike Brisson mentioned that she, Sigrid Schütz, and Carole Ladd will attend the Internationale Deutschlehrertagung in Jena/Weimar in July and August. Funding stipulates that they present a report to teachers here in the U.S. MaFLA is an ideal forum for this as a session combined with a Chapter Meeting. Issue of bundling of PDPs for German teachers attending MaFLA was mentioned. AATG can fill in the gaps to bring the number to 10. Further discussion on this later.

6. Posting of VP position for AATG Chapter. August 1 deadline. Alex Bennett and Joan Campbell suggested as candidates.

7. The following names were suggested for awards in addition to the Massachusetts German Educator of the Year Educator - please note that deadlines have passed for submission of nominations for 2009 -

Outstanding German Educator and Certificate of Merit – National Level:

- Mike Joyce 09
- Ulrike Brisson 09
- Joan Campbell 10
- Mike Joyce CSIET Award received in 2009
- Irina O'Brien – Mass. Educator 2010

Kristin will do CV, etc. for Mike Joyce for Outstanding German Educator – please note that 2009 deadline has passed
Ulrike CV, etc. for Certificate of Merit Cherie will do paperwork.- please note that 2009 deadline has passed
6.22.09 deadline for Info. and CVs and Info. to Sean Miner – please note that deadline for 2009 has passed
Sean mentioned Allie Pantesco Workshop on Musik im Deutschunterricht 9.26.09 – StaDaF monies \$400.00
Also, Tech Workshop – Tech in Modern German Classroom Winter, 2010 – StaDaF monies requested \$450.00 (not yet heard if received)

8. (10 on Agenda) Berlin-Boston Connection

Music Groups will come to the schools for music tours. Music companies will pay airfare. We need to organize housing and rental car. Groups: Prinzessin Plastik (like Radioheld) Sean: give kids who learn German something other kids don't have.

Ulrike: **Todo Aleman** - geared to students who already know Spanish - Atlanta Goethe Institute Website

9. Treasurer's Report: Kristin

As of April 30, 2009: \$ 2746.86. 50 teachers have sent dues. StaDaF grant sent from AATG for Awards Banquet at the Boylston Schul-Verein: \$ 398.83.

Dues collection.

10. (8 on the Agenda) Deutschlehrer-Tag at Boylston Schul-Verein 9.26.09 (Pantesco) Money from Consulate and G. I. – see above information regarding StaDaF monies requested and to be awarded after the event and upon submission of receipts and paperwork to AATG

Music Groups... Each group costs about \$1500. 1200 person capacity at Tufts.

9.25.09: 11:00 AM – 12:30 PM @Tufts with Sebastian Krumbiegel

Discussion re. Krumbiegel and Tours, Tufts/ WPI , German Day @ UMass

Deutsch Tour needs corporate sponsors. Wolfram is doing this as a business. Bands need exposure.

11. (13 on Agenda) Italian Language and Culture Symposium held May 2009 at Boston Public Library - Italian Government: \$15,000 - \$20,000 to individual schools to fund elementary language programs. Focus on K – 12 curriculum.

PASCH : F-W Steinmeier: technology, books, I-Pods, GAPP money, etc. Helene Z-L anxious to do something on the lines of the Italian group. Possible contacts: Detlef Gericke-Schönhagen, Goethe Institut Boston Director, Inka Zahn, Goethe Institut Boston Language Department Director and Boston German Consul General Friedrich Löhner

12. (14 on Agenda) AATG role at MaFLA/ACTFL 2010

Discussion ... Busch-Reisinger Museum in Cambridge was venue for Pre-Conference German Immersion Day at ACTFL Annual Meeting and Conference in 2000.

13. New German teachers - Welcome Package to be mailed by Ulrike Brisson:

- Billerica has a new German teacher
- Newburyport posted a 60 percent position.
- MIT: Peter Weise
- Wachusett Regional posting 1, possibly 2 positions.
- Masconomet phased out, Chinese now being taught
- Haverhill
- Martha's Vineyard
- Maternity leave at Melrose HS – Petra Friedman

Respectfully submitted,

Kathleen Gallogly
for Susan Adams, Secretary