

Louisiana Association of Business Educators

General Meeting Minutes

Friday, April 18, 2008

Pineville, LA

Call to Order – President – Mona Bickham called the meeting to order at 12:00 noon.

Invocation – Chaplain absent – Mona led us in an opening prayer.

Approval of Minutes – Secretary – June Thompson. Linda Hughes made a motion to accept the minutes as written and seconded by Marilyn Gastineau. Motion passed.

Treasurer’s Report – Treasurer – Susan Fontenot. As of April 18, 2008, we have a balance of \$11,393.61. Marilyn moved to accept the report as presented and it was seconded by June. The vote was unanimous.

Officers Reports:

President – Mona Bickham – Mona thanked everyone for attending the meeting and encouraged members to inform other business educators about the organization and spoke about the benefits of joining. She reminded everyone to consult the website (www.laabe.org) for information. Mona also told the group she was officially retired as of February from the State Dept. of Education.

President Elect – Marilyn Gastineau – Marilyn is also the nominating committee chair and handed out forms to be used for nominating members for the positions of: Vice President, Parliamentarian, Chaplain, Secondary Representative-North, Secondary Representative-South, Post-Secondary Representative-North, and Post-Secondary Representative-South. She also stated if a member was interested in working on a committee to just let her know.

Vice President – Laura Spencer – Laura served as Spring Conference Chair. She gave a token of appreciation to Mona Bickham, Marilyn Gastineau, June Thompson, Barbara O’Neal and Susan Fontenot. She also thanked everyone who helped with setting up on Thursday night and said the conference was well attended in spite of the bad weather.

NBEA/SBEA Rep – Melanie Meche – Melanie stressed the need for communication with our members and recognized new and previous members. All NBEA members participated in a drawing held for a color printer and shredder. Linda Clayton won the printer and Barbara O’Neal won the shredder.

Bulletin Board Editor – Elaine Garland – Elaine asked for members to send her articles.

Journal of Business – Betty Kleen – Betty recognized Melanie Meche as the Production Editor of the journal. She said she works directly with the authors and that anyone could submit an article. Betty also stated that every state does not produce a journal.

Committee Reports:

Awards – Becky Draughn – Becky announced the following award winners: Secondary Business Teacher of the Year—Mary Williamson, Peabody Magnet; Business

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Supervisor of the Year—Pat Miers, LTC-Crowley; Honorian Distinguished Service Award—Robert Turner.

Auditing – Tina Allen – absent. Mona Bickham will take position as a retired member.

Finance – Susan Fontenot –Reported submitted and accepted.

Legislative – No Chairman

Membership – Melanie Meche – Report given.

Memorial/Chaplain – No Chairman –Mona stated there was no one at this time.

Nominating – Marilyn – Report given.

Public Relations – Elaine Garland – to send articles to her for the Bulletin Board.

Resolutions – No chairman

Unfinished Business – On behalf of LABE, June Thompson presented Mona with plaque for her service as last year's President. She also thanked Mona for her dedication to the field of business education by serving as the state supervisor of business education and congratulated Mona on her retirement.

New Business – Check dates of upcoming conferences:

LACTE – August 24-25, 2008—Lafayette, LA

LABE – Spring of 2009 in Lafayette, LA

SBEA – October 2008—Louisville, KY

ACTE – December 4-6, 2008—Charlotte, NC

NBEA – 2009 (week prior to Easter)

Benediction – Closing prayer was led by Mona.

Adjournment – Moved to adjourn by Betty Kleen and seconded by Laura Spencer. Meeting adjourned at 1:00 p.m.