

## Blue Ridge Council of Teachers of Mathematics

### Meeting Minutes

Feb 11, 2019

#### Attendees:

- Beth Swain (Salem City)
- Kelsey Huffman (Roanoke County) – Webmaster and President Elect
- Terry Hartley (Roanoke County) – Secretary
- Ashley Pratt (DSLCC) – Treasurer
- Kami Reece (Montgomery County) – President
- Carrie Bush (Roanoke County)

1. The meeting was called to order at 4:15pm.

2. The previous meeting's minutes were read and Beth Swain made a motion to accept them as written. Kelsey Huffman seconded the motion and the report was unanimously approved.

3. The treasurer's report was presented and Terry Hartley made a motion to accept it as written. The motion was seconded by Carrie Bush and the report was unanimously approved.

#### 4. **New Business**

- Ashley Pratt asked to discuss the budget and finances for the council. She expressed her concern that the annual expenses of the council continue to exceed the annual income. She indicated that the funds are sufficient for now but this trend cannot be sustained.
- Members discussed ways to cut expenditures and raise money for the organization in order to maintain funding for the scholarship.
- Ideas for increasing revenue included having presenters and co-presenters pay some portion of the fee for the annual conference, suspend paying for NCTM dues, and using local speakers for the conference.
- Carrie Bush discussed the teacher grant/newsletter proposal for our website.
- The council members thanked Kelsey Huffman for her work on updating the website.

#### 5. **Conference (2019)**

- Salem City will host the BRCTM conference this year.
- Oct 7, 2019 was selected as the tentative date.
- The tentative theme for the conference is "STEM – We are all in this together."
- Ideas for guest speakers were discussed and included the following:
  - David Urso (works with Ashley Pratt)
  - Science Museum speakers
  - VDOT speakers
  - Clean Valley Council
  - Ferrum speakers (contact: Brenda Muse)
  - VT instructors
- Kelsey Huffman will update the website to include information on the conference.

## 6. Scholarship

- Kelsey Huffman will update the website with information on the scholarship. Students will fill out a Google Docs application and email their essays to Beth Swain.
- Applications are due April 26, 2019.
- Members are reminded to encourage their divisions to spread the word about the scholarship.

7. The next meeting will be on May 6, 2019 at the Roanoke County Schools Administrative Offices at 4:15pm.

8. The meeting was adjourned at 4:58pm.

Respectfully submitted,

Terry Hartley