

**Minutes of 2005 NATSP Meeting  
(Fall NILA Conference)  
October 15, 2005  
At Nebraska Wesleyan University**

The meeting was called to order by President Lila Brock at 2:50 p.m.

**Minutes**

Previous minutes from October 1, 2005 meeting were read and approved.

**Treasurer Report** (Nancy Reese)

- \$30 in checking
- \$1012 in Savings
  - ✓ We are currently earning more interest by keeping a majority of funds in savings
  - ✓ Funds are only removed to pay bills as they arrive
- Expenses
  - ✓ \$50 for immersion's dance instructor
  - ✓ \$392 paid to Mazatlan (immersion dinner)
  - ✓ Remaining bills needing to be paid are from Friday's immersion activities (Aprox. \$800)
- Treasurer's report was approved

**Website**

- Lila encourage all to submit:
  - ✓ Teaching ideas and to share these with others
  - ✓ "Charlas" that are occurring in one's area
  - ✓ Travel information of groups planning trips
    - It was noted that if you are heading a trip and need other participants, one might include this as well
- There was also discussion on incorporating a forum for discussion and questions on the current website.
  - ✓ This question will be directed toward Vickie Scow.

**National Spanish Exam**

- Judy Blakeman is currently overseeing the exam.
- The exam will now be given on-line and can currently be visited at the following address:
- National testing cost: \$2.00
- Current cost being requested from student: \$2.50
- Judy explained the need for an increase in the cost of the exam and asked to increase the students' cost to \$3.00 to accommodate for the rise in postage
- This increase was approved by all present and will fluctuate with the continual rise in postage

- Testing should be given no later than April 1st
- Tests should be given to students at the same level on the same day
- Last year's testing resulted in:
  - ✓ 6 national winners
  - ✓ 147 local trophies
  - ✓ 200+ medals

**Immersion Update** (from Friday, October 14, 2005)

- 33 registered
- 31 attended
- A **HUGE** thank you was given to Linda Mieras, Tricia Suchsland, Marlene Knobbe, and Stephanie Iwan Flamme
  - ✓ These volunteers stressed their hesitance to organize this for the third year in a row unless others were willing to help plan and participate
- 9 volunteered to provide 9 activities to aid next year's activity and keep the event alive
- Questions were raised in regards to the location of the next immersion activity at the Schuyler conference:
  - ✓ Do we need to get a room at the conference site and is there a cost in doing so?
  - ✓ Is loudness on site an issue?
  - ✓ Can we bring in authentic food from a local business or must be purchase from the site?
  - ✓ Can we keep the registration cost at \$25 to keep growing number of participants?

**New Business**

- A Spanish immersion during the spring was brought up for discussion
  - ✓ March was suggested, but after the Central States Conference
    - Grand Island Central Community College was offered as a possible site host
    - It was suggested that if doing so, the immersion should take place on a Saturday
    - Officers volunteered to form such a committee and oversee the process
- A student immersion day or Spanish language fair was also suggested
  - ✓ Officers will also look at this suggestion and discuss possibilities, as there was a great deal of interest
  - ✓ Justo will be visiting the state and teachers are reminded to contact the following individuals if interested in attending a concert:
    - Pat McGill at Waverly for the December 2, 2005 concert or
    - June Strohmeyer in Omaha for the December 3, 2005 concert if at all interested in attending

**Meeting was adjourned at 3:30.**

**Minutes submitted by Rebecca Gill.**