

NATSP Meeting Minutes October 14, 2006
Benedictine Center
Schyler, NE
@ 11:50 a.m.

Meeting called to order by Lila Brock (President).

Introductions of Officers

- President – Lila Brock
- Vice-President – Jim Chavala
- Secretary – Rebecca Gill Renken
- Treasurer – Nancy Reese

Defining the Organization

- A need is present and we are searching for a Constitution
 - A request for anyone knowing of the whereabouts of an old copy would certainly be appreciated.

Immersion Sign-Up

- Those interested in helping at the Winter and Fall immersions should sign-up, as Stephanie, Marlene, Tricia, and Linda cannot continue to do so on their own.

Minutes from the 2005 Conference were approved.

Treasurer's Report

- Current Balance in Checking - \$947.00
- Current Balance in Savings - \$148.70

- Expenses
 - \$1,146.00 - Immersion supplies, dancing lessons and meals.
- Deposits
 - \$294.00 - Incoming dues sent via AATSP
 - \$150.00 – Immersion in Grand Island
- All in attendance were invited to join the AATSP/NATSP.
 - All applications can be found at https://www.aatsp.org/scriptcontent/custom/members/01_about/become_member/bam.cfm
 - Deadlines is November 30th.
 - Members can have students take the National Spanish Exam.
 - There are national scholarship opportunities and state awards given.
 - Teachers will receive a report of their students' performance.
 - Teachers may look at a sample test at www.nationalspanishexam.org

- Judy Blakeman is currently seeking an individual to take over since her recent retirement.
 - She can be contacted at judyb@cornhusker.net

Old Business

- 25 members were in attendance at the Winter Immersion in Grand Island this February.
 - Those in attendance had a meal out, played various games, and danced on Friday night.
- Saturday's immersion was held at Grand Island Central Community College where strategies and activities were shared.

New Business

- Justo will again be visiting Omaha on November 28th.
 - He is an Argentine pop/folk singer who shares positive messages.
 - Much of his music is on-line, as well as Karaoke now.
 - June Stohmeyer has one performance sold out and is looking to have another the Monday after Thanksgiving.
 - Please contact her or Susan Yohe if interested in attending.
 - The current cost of attendance is \$14.00.
- Membership
 - This is of great concern.
 - We currently have around 300 Spanish teachers in the state, yet we have only 50-60 members.
- NATSP Website
 - "Charlas" are available all around the state.
 - If interested, please feel free to attend any of these held in Grand Island or Omaha.
 - Anyone interested in having a "Charla" via Distance Learning can contact Rebecca Gill Renken – See the NDE Website at <http://www.nde.state.ne.us/FORLG/NATSP/NATSP.html>
- Additional Comments
 - Anyone willing to share a Spanish Club Constitution from his/her school and the fees requested are invited to contact ramartil@wayneschools.org
 - Individuals looking for penpals can also contact the above e-mail.
- These will also be placed on the website to help with the communication of ideas.

Meeting adjourned at 12:20 p.m.

Minutes submitted by Rebecca Gill Renken