

Nebraska Wesleyan University in Olin Hall, Room 142
October 11, 2003 12:30p.m.

Present: 46 members

The meeting was called to order by Nancy Reese at 12:35 p.m.

No minutes of previous meeting were shared.

Nancy brought up discussion on donating to the International Language Camp just as the French and German clubs do.

- Currently the Association is unaware of the exact amount of funds remaining in the account.
- Lila Brock suggested giving an amount similar to the other clubs.
- Pat McGill motioned to first pay the organization's bills then donate 10% (not to exceed \$100) to the Camp. This motion was seconded by Stephanie Iwan Flamme. No one opposed, all in favor. Motioned passed.

Nancy also reminded members to contact Judy Blakeman if interested in giving national Spanish exam. Envelopes and information were made available.

- One must be member by December 1st
- Top students receive awards from State and possible National awards

Nancy also provided lists of websites she had located on the Internet for members.

Monthly "Charlas" are being held:

- Grand Island, downtown at "The Farmer's Daughter" at 8:30a.m. (Tricia Suchsland provided information)
- Logan View High School on the 1st Wednesday after school – SNACKS PROVIDED – Topic of discussion can be found on ESU#2 Department of Ed. website.
- Possible "charla" is being put together in Lincoln Area. Contact David Crews – crews@norris160.org or Susan Yohe - sy50015@alltel.net - if interested.

- Members also shared thoughts on a new NATSP website to be linked with the Dept. of Ed. website. Many ideas were shared and recognized for placement on the page:
- "Charlas" meetings
- Monthly tips for Spanish teachers (hopefully tips could be passed on to Rebecca Gill – rgill@esu6.org)
- Cultural events in the state that others could attend
- Local sites in the state for cultural field trips
- Immersion Programs for educators as well as students
- Travel groups
 - Schools that were traveling that might take others
 - Comments on companies that others had traveled with in the past (good or bad comments welcome)
- E-mail sign-up

A small group of volunteers (Stephanie Iwan Flamme, Marlene Knobbe, Tricia Suchsland, and Linda Mieras) will be organizing an immersion activity for the next NILA Conference ("Expeditions in World Languages") that is scheduled for October 1-2 at the Cornhusker Hotel in Lincoln.

Lila Brock is interested in creating an immersion weekend for top Spanish students in the State. There was some discussion.

The meeting adjourned at 1:30 p.m.

Minutes submitted by Rebecca Gill Renken, October 16, 2003.