• Meeting called to order by Lila Brock (Out-going President).

• All in attendance are being asked to sign-up on sheets being sent around to fill vacancies for this year’s immersion events.
  
  o A Spring immersion is held in February/March and the Friday of the Nebraska International Languages Association Fall Conference.
  ▪ The Spring immersion has started on Friday evening and Sturady day in the past

• Minutes from the 2006 Conference were presented.

Old Business
• Chapter Constitution and Bylaws have been missing for quite some time. These will need to be adopted to be in accordance with the national AATSP guidelines stated in organization’s Constitution.
  o Jim Chvala (President-Elect) has been searching/borrowing other organizations’ guidelines to fit the needs of our organization
  o Motion to adopt Constitution was made and carried.
    ▪ Bylaws still need to be adopted, but will be tabled to next fall to allow for ore detailed changes.

• It was also determined that few in attendance were e-mailed the copies of the Constitution or Bylaws.
• It was concluded that a new list of e-mail will have to be compiled through NDE

Election of Officers
• It was noted that officers meet twice a year (fall conference and prior to spring immersion) – a great deal of communication is done through e-mail.
• Those running must be NATSP members.
• The following are new officers for the 2007-08 year:
  President – Jim Chvala (Palmer Public Schools)
  Vice President – Rochelle de Rodriquez (Kearney Catholic High School)
  Secretary – Rebecca Gill Renken (Palmyra High School)
  Treasurer – Jill Camargo (Fremont Archbishop Bergan High School)
• Currently seeking Portuguese representative if one is available, as well as a Western Nebraska Representative so that their concerns might be voiced.

Treasurer’s Report
• Current account is in Grand Island and location of account should be moved closer to new treasurer.
• Checking/Savings - $950.00 (approximately)
• Organization has helped to fund immersion events this year.
• Ideas for using funds were solicited from members. Ideas shared included the following:
  o Mini-grants – for teacher and student travel or graduate hours assistance.
  o Student Scholarship for graduating Seniors
• $100 is given to Nebraska International Language Camp on annually basis
  o It was moved to donate monies for 2007 year – motion was passed.
  o More information will be presented at the luncheon by Nebraska International Camp Director
• Discussion on dues and question posed in regards to joining locally, but not nationally
  o Can this be done? This will discussed with National officer via call or e-mail by state officers
  o Could this be done at immersion, charging more for non-members, and a lesser charge for members?
    • We do want to include all Spanish educators in the state for immersion activities

National Spanish Exam
• Judy Blakeman has officially retired from the position and this has been inherited by Jim as of this past spring
  o Any interested member looking for this leadership role, should contact him
  o This individual would not have to worry about dealing with collect fees (this is sent to the national office), solely issuing prizes.
• To participate in giving your students the test, individual must be a AATSP member or pay additional fee
• The national fee is $3 and an extra $.50 - $1.00 locally to cover prizes and mailing costs.
• Tests are given for different level students and results are broken down for students showing abilities in various categories
• The current fund is at $1400. 98 (approximately)

immersions
• Spring immersion activities were shared and estimated at 25 in attendance.
  o Activities ranged from singing to cooking and was held in Grand Island at Central Community College
• Fall Immersion was not discussed, as there was none.
  o This was due to recommendation by NILA executive board that there be a total get-together to replace AAT’s immersions
• Sign-up sheets were made available for the upcoming immersions

New Business
National Spanish Honor Society
• It was reminded that the National Association Sponsors an Honor Society available for High School students
• Individual schools may set their requirements for membership.
• A local Chapter fee of $20 is charged and an additional one time fee of $5 per student joining
• Now available are an Honor Societies for Middle Schools and Elementary Schools
• Community is a strong component of the association, but participation can be minimal to highly involved.

Graduate Courses
• Being offered this Summer Wesleyan – Flyers placed on sign-in table in hallway outside
  o Four graduate course: Mexican Culture, Advanced Grammar, Conversation, Don Quijote
  o You are asked to choose two courses which last from 8:00 a.m. – 12:00p.m. and 1:00p.m. – 5:00 p.m.
• Discussion on those wanting to take courses, but not really wanting credit. What fee might there be?

AATSP Dues and membership
• These are due by January 31st and can be done on-line or via form available that was just distributed.

Meeting adjourned at 9:00 a.m.

Minutes submitted by Rebecca Gill Renken