

Meeting Minutes

AATG Herbsttreffen
San Diego Chapter
November 3, 2007 12:30-5:00pm

The Meeting was called to order after a German lunch by president Astrid Ronke at 1:10p.m.

Board members present: Astrid Ronke, Fatima Rasnik, Doris Herwig, Naomi Grogan, Angela Shaw und Birgit Schafer.

For all other participants please refer to sign-in list (attachment #9).

1. Introduction by President Astrid R:
 - **Meeting time:** Discussion about new time of AATG meeting at 12:30 instead of in the morning, to accommodate also teachers from local German American School-> the majority of all people present prefer the later time.
 - **Fire victims:** two local AATG members have lost their homes in the recent wild fires. Group decides to prepare a card and buy a gift certificate. A box is put out for donations during the meeting. In addition Jim Livingston suggests and Astrid R motions to add \$100 per AATG fire victim from local AATG budget. This motion is seconded by Angela S. All members vote in favor.
 - **Reference to websites** for material and practice tests (see also attachment #1):
www.graf-gutfreund.at;
courseweb.stthomas.edu/paschons/language+http/aath/publications.html
 - **Upcoming foreign language conferences:** ACTFL Nov 15-18, FLCSD Dec 1, CLTA March 2008
 - **AATG Tests:** Testing chair Doris H encourages participants to administer the AATG tests at their school.
 - **2008 German Summer-Study-Program**
2008 program information and applications (for chaperones and students) are posted at: <http://aatg.org/content/category/9/38/35/>
2. Treasury report and website updates by Angela S:
 - For treasury report please refer to attachment #2
 - local AATG website ->attachment #3
 - Beatrice Theiss is looking for a German teacher who would like to give private business lessons. If you are interested please contact Beatrice at: beatricetheiss@yahoo.uk.co for details.
 - Upcoming workshops: SAILN Tier I–III, best and most comprehensive foreign language training program for teachers (attachment #4) , FLCSD TPRS workshop, Dec. 1 (attachment #5)

3. Presentation Kerstin Helbing about podcasts (attachments #6)
4. 3:30 Uhr, Deutscher Kaffeeklatsch mit Rezepten für: Zwetschgendatschi and Pear-Cranberry Pie with Oatmeal Streusel from Doris Herwig, and No-flour Schwarzwälder Kirschtorte and Pflaumenkuchen von Angela Shaw
5. Honors: (flowers are presented)
 - a. Adam Saba and Melanie Paliotti from Guajome Park Academy in Vista for their excellent German IB Middle School program (attachment #7a).
 - b. Jim Livingston for his merit award from the AATG as “outstanding language teacher” (attachment #7b)
6. Student exchange programs:
 - a. Gabi Zois, teaching at Mount Carmel High School, presents “friendship connection” program (attachments #8). She has been working with the program at her high school. The cost is ~\$1300 for 4 weeks. The representative of Friendship Connection, Roland Winzer, will be in San Diego in November if any school is interested, they can contact him and arrange a meeting.
 - b. Adam S, Melanie O, Jim L and Dan Davey present their student exchange program. They work with GAPP. Their contact is with the same high school. The cost is ~ \$2800 for 3 weeks.
7. Fulbright Teacher Exchange Program: Flavia Mormann, who is teaching one year at Patrick Henry High School for Judy Stout, who is teaching one year at Flavia’s high school in Münster, Germany, presents her first impressions and shares details about the Fulbright Teacher Exchange Program which according to her, is being offered for the last time this year.
8. Sharing of teaching practices: Peter Natter from Einstein Academy presents on how to record and use online audio files.

The Meeting was adjourned at 5:15 p.m.

Respectfully submitted by: Birgit Schäfer