

**MATHEMATICS TEACHERS OF TENNESSEE NORTHWEST NEWSLETTER
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**MATHEMATICS TEACHERS OF TENNESSEE NORTHWEST FALL
WORKSHOP, SEPTEMBER 15, 2007**

The annual MT²NW Fall Mathematics Workshop was a huge success! It was held on September 15, 2007 at UTM with 67 teachers and pre-service teachers in attendance. Presenters from our organization included Joyce Swan, Debra Hart, Linda Reynolds, Joey Bush, Eddie Keel, Stephanie Kolitsch, Theresa Rushing, Lillian Tubbs, April White, Melanie Brown, Judy Gathers, and David Ray. Kathy Davis from Holt, Rinehart, and Winston also made a presentation. In addition, Dr. Scott Eddins from the Tennessee Department of Education gave an inspiring presentation regarding the future of math education in Tennessee.

Andrew Moore, a UTM student, delighted the attendees with a piano concert during lunch.

Amy Brunner, this year's recipient of the Austin/Boren Award, was recognized at the luncheon and presented with a check for \$200.

A business meeting followed the luncheon. The new business included our Mini-Grant Proposal Application. Members of MT²NW are eligible for an award of up to \$500 to be used to improve the quality of mathematics education. For more information about the Mini-Grant, please go to <http://www.utm.edu/departments/cens/math/mtnw/pdfs/MTTNWGrantApplicationForm.pdf>.

Door prizes were given at the conclusion of the workshop.

THE JOINT MEETING OF TMTA & SM²EA

During September 21 and 22, 2007, several of our members traveled to Knoxville, Tennessee for the annual meeting of Tennessee Mathematics Teachers of Tennessee. There was such a large crowd of attendees that just getting a seat in some sessions was impossible. With over 100 sessions available, attendees had a wide variety of topics from which to choose.

Our organization held business meetings at each conference. Our secretary Laura Luna was unable to attend these events; therefore, Tracy Mitchell consented to take our minutes. The minutes from those two business meetings can be found below. Thank you, Tracy Mitchell, for providing these for us.

MINUTES FOR FALL MATHEMATICS WORKSHOP

Mathematics Teachers of Tennessee – Northwest
Fall Meeting
University of Tennessee at Martin
September 15, 2007

Theresa Rushing called the meeting to order at 12:07 pm. The president Theresa Rushing was present, and Tracy Mitchell substituted as secretary for Laura Luna.

The minutes for the February 24, 2007 meeting and the minutes for the April 21, 2007 officer's meeting were approved as presented. The treasurer's report was approved as presented, also.

Announcements

Theresa Rushing thanked Andrew Moore for the piano music at lunch.

Two of our guests for the day were Dr. Scott Evans and Dr. Bill Austin.

Amy Brunner, a junior at UTM, was presented the Austin/Boren Award.

The MathMeet will be held on Saturday, November 10, 2007 at Haywood High School. Eddie Keel is the coordinator for this event.

According to George Moss, Lambuth University will offer the winners of the pre-calculus, calculus, and comprehensive MathMeet tests a scholarship for \$500 per year for four years to Lambuth University.

The MathCounts Competition will be held on Saturday, February 2, 2008. The registration deadline is December 7, 2007. The contact person is Dr. Desiree' A. McCullough.

The Middle School/Junior High Contest will be held on Thursday, April 24, 2008. The registration deadline is April 11, 2008. The contact person is Dr. Desiree A. McCullough.

The TMTA High School Math Contest is tentatively scheduled for April 15, 2008.

The TMTA Annual conference will be held on September 21-22, 2007, at Bearden High School in Knoxville, TN.

The Mathematics Teachers of Tennessee – Northwest spring meeting will be held on February 23, 2008, at Jackson Christian School.

New Business

The Mathematics Teachers of Tennessee – Northwest needs to recruit and appoint a new publicity director.

The meeting adjourned at 12:20 pm.

Respectfully submitted by
Tracy A. Mitchell, substitute secretary

MINUTES FOR THE BUSINESS MEETING IN KNOXVILLE

Mathematics Teachers of Tennessee – Northwest
Knoxville Conference Meeting
Bearden High School, Knoxville, TN
September 21, 2007

Theresa Rushing, president, called the meeting to order at 12:15 pm. Tracy Mitchell substituted for Laura Luna as secretary.

The minutes were not available for the September 15, 2007 meeting. There was no change in the treasurer's report.

Dr. Bill Austin's mother-in-law passed away. A motion to give flowers to Dr. Austin's family was made and carried.

Jimmy Goodman was appointed to be the new publicity director by President Rushing.

A motion for the purchase of Microsoft Publisher for Jimmy Goodman was made and carried.

Our webmaster Kathy Eskew resigned from her position.

Our secretary Laura Luna is resigning from her position in the spring.

The meeting adjourned at 12:25 pm.

Respectfully submitted by
Tracy A. Mitchell, substitute secretary

MATHMEET

Our annual MathMeet competition is just around the corner! MathMeet is a mathematical competition for students in grades 6-12. The contest will be held on Saturday, November 10 at Haywood High School in Brownsville. There are both individual and team events. There is also a Tessellation Poster Contest. Ribbons will be given to all top 10 winners. Trophies and prizes (cash or TI-84 calculators) will be given to all 1st place winners.

In addition, first place winners in the Calculus, PreCalculus, and Comprehensive division will be awarded a \$2000 scholarship to Lambuth University!

Individual contests: 6th Grade Math, 7th Grade Math, 8th Grade Math, Pre-Algebra, Algebra I, Algebra II, Geometry, PreCalculus, Statistics, Calculus, and Comprehensive.

The team event (Math Bowl) consists of four students from each school in the elementary/middle school division or high school division.

Registration forms and more details about the contest can be found at the following web sites:

<http://www.utm.edu/departments/cens/math/mtnw/index.php>

<http://www.haywood.k12.tn.us/hhs/mathmeet.html>

Eddie Keel, the contest coordinator, needs all registration forms by Wednesday, November 7. If you have any questions, feel free to email him at keele@k12tn.net.