PRESIDENT’S CORNER – Eddie Keel

If you did not come to the Spring Meeting, you missed some excellent sessions and presenters! Thanks to all our presenters who shared such valuable information to us. A special thanks to the MT² (Middle Tennessee Math Teachers) members who volunteered to present at the spring meeting. As always, I want to express our group’s appreciation to Melanie Brown, Joan Gateley, and everyone at Jackson Christian School for serving as our hosts. I think we all have enjoyed having the spring meeting at JCS these past few years.

You will be getting several emails from me about signing up to be a presenter or a volunteer at this fall’s TMTA Math Conference. Please….Please….Please help us out in any way you can! We cannot put on this conference without your help. I know all of you will come through and make this the best conference ever!

The MathMeet will be here before you know it. Please put the Saturday before Thanksgiving on your calendar now for this annual math competition for grades 6-12.

There are several professional development opportunities this summer. Contact me if you need information about getting your Technical Geometry certification. Contact Stephanie Kolitsch at UTM about Project IMPACT for middle school teachers. Contact Scott Eddins at the State Department about other opportunities. Go to our affiliate web site to find out about other things going on in math!

Though no definite date has been announced, we think that NCTM will have a regional conference in Nashville in the next 3-4 years! If any members are going to Saint Louis to the national conference, please contact Shari and Kathy. Write up a small article about what you learned at St. Louis. Better yet…..volunteer to do a session this fall about what you learned.

Summer vacation is soon……but don’t forget about our affiliate this summer. There are many things that have to be done to get ready for the fall conference. Your affiliate officers will appreciate anything that you can do in order to help make the fall conference a success!

CURRENT EVENTS

TENNESSEE MATHEMATICS TEACHERS ASSOCIATION (TMTA) FALL CONFERENCE

The Mathematics Teachers of Tennessee Northwest (MT²NW) are honored to be the co-hosts for the Tennessee Mathematics Teachers Association (TMTA) Fall Conference, September 22-23, 2006. The conference will be held at the University of Tennessee at Martin and will offer 14 hours of mathematics. In-service for teachers of all grade levels, including college level topics. The Friday sessions will begin at 2:00 P.M. and will culminate with a dinner where the teachers will enjoy listening to a guest speaker.
while dining. The evening activities should end at 9:30 P.M. The Saturday sessions will begin at 9:00 A.M. and end at 2:30 P.M. Superintendents are encouraged to notify their faculties of this valuable opportunity to gain current knowledge concerning mathematical topics. A brochure has been emailed to each school system detailing the various types of sessions offered and how to register for the conference. If you have any questions at this time, please feel free to contact Theresa Rushing at trushing@utm.edu.

Remember Stephanie Kolitsch is still accepting presenter forms if you have some ideas to share but that deadline is May 1 so that we may print up the programs. Those of you who don’t wish to present at the meetings might like to share copies of lesson plans. We hope to have several for our Path of Blooming Ideas that will be shared at our Fall meeting. You are welcome to email your plans to Eddie Keel or Karen West. They will make the copies and have them ready for September. In return, you will receive a $2 coupon for the registration to the Spring 2007 MT:NW conference. Although you will only be able to use one voucher per registration, you may submit more than one lesson plan and share your vouchers with your colleagues.

Theresa Rushing, President-Elect, will be stepping up to assume the position of President after the Fall 2006 conference and has filled the following appointed positions.

Web master –Kathy Eskew
NCTM representative- Patty Flowers
Publicity Director-Shari Scott

Spring Math Competitions-Middle and High School.
I’m sure you are all very busy with the Spring math competitions. Middle Schoolers competed on April 6th and High Schoolers on April 18th. If your schools were not involved, you missed a great time. It is exciting to see students thrilled at a math challenge. These are the best and the brightest of tomorrows thinkers and it is a delight to see them compete. There are testing sites around the state so be sure to take advantage of this opportunity.

RECENT EVENTS
Spring 2006 MT:NW - March 4, 2006 Business Meeting
The following positions were voted on at the Spring meeting, March 4th at Jackson Christian in Jackson TN.
Secretary-Laura Luna
Treasurer-Stephanie Kolitsch
President Elect -Desiree McCullough
There were no objections. Minutes from this meeting will be available on our Fall newsletter to be published September 1st, 2006