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Annual Board Meeting Minutes
September 2, 2023, 11:00-3:00 PM at The Halle Estate

Executive Board members present: Jonas Strecker, President; Hyoun-A Joo, Vice-President; Janet Ward, Testing Chair; Sarah Richards, Membership Chair; Daniel Walter, Immediate Past President, Secretary; Steffi Legall-Riddle

Executive Board member(s) absent: Justin Fox, Treasurer

Guest: Sabine Smith (KSU)

1. The meeting was called to order at 11:15 AM.

2. Budget Update

- a. End-of-year balance: \$4,349.41
- b. \$7606 (potential funds left over from KSU grant from year 1 and 2)
- c. SGC cost last year: \$17,327.00 => led to lower EOY balance - high cost was due to charging MS students only \$25 to create interest, but this will not be sustainable.
- d. \$3200 of the \$5000 from Halle Foundation Funds were used for SGC to cover scholarships and transportation assistance in 2022.
- e. KSU/Halle Foundation Grant expires in 2024.

3. Membership Update

- a. Merge Listserv with AATG-GA contacts – **action item: Sarah will cross-reference national AATG membership list with AATG-GA contact list and highlight non-member contacts.** Non-members will be contacted and informed about membership benefits (SGC, professional development, scholarships, awards, etc.).
- b. Recruit new members – **action item: Sarah will cross-reference AATG-GA contact list with national AATG map** to identify German programs and teachers who are not on our contact list.
- c. Verify membership in good standing – **action item: Sarah will contact members whose membership have expired and direct them to the new AATG website for renewal**

4. Testing & Awards

- a. Current Awards Chair, Janet Ward is stepping down – **new testing chair is needed for 2024-26.**
- b. 2024 SOTY/TOTY/CSOTY/POTY selection: Finalists will be interviewed during SGC. **2023 Higher ed (for SOTY/TOTY) and high school (for CSOTY/POTY) committee members will be approached to serve on the selection/ interview committee again in 2024.**
- c. Current platform for NGE, Lingco, has streamlined registration process, cost will still be \$8.00/registered student.

5. 2024 State German Convention

- a. SGC will be on January 19-20, 2024. Action item: Jonas and Timo will contact the FFA-FCCLA Center in Covington to book rooms by December.
- b. Theme: Feste und Feiertage. **Dan, Sabine, and Hyoun-A will write Quiz Bowl questions.**
- c. Cost per student: **\$69 for HS and \$49 for MS.** Payment and registration deadline: Friday, Dec 1.
- d. SGC Competition update: Baking will be limited to two categories (Apfelkuchen and Sachertorte).
- e. If middle schools can't attend Friday night, they can submit videos as *Supertalent* entries and perform live at the award ceremony on Saturday.

6. AATG-GA Events

- a. AATG-GA Workshop at UGA unfortunately does not have a new sponsor.
- b. AATG-GA Sprachbad will be organized by Georgia Tech and Emory on 11/4/23 (alternate date: 11/11).

7. Summer Immersion Camp at KSU

Report from Sabine: Camp was highly successful and will continue in 2024. 16 HS students registered, 9 attended. All participants had fun working in small groups. Learning stations included: music, poetry, pronunciation, scavenger hunt on campus. Students learned from and interacted with faculty who volunteered their time for the camp.

8. New Business

- a. Add Summer Immersion Camp and KSU Poetry Competition to the AATG website. **Action Item: Sabine will get pictures and student testimonials to Jonas to add to the website.**
- b. **AATG Officers needed for 2024-26: Testing Chair (Higher Ed), Treasurer, and Vice President (High School).**

9. The meeting was adjourned at 2:35 PM.