

WSCA Spring 2010 Meeting

The Spring 2010 Westmoreland County Counselor's meeting, held on March 26, 2010, was hosted by Julia Walton of the Education and Technology Center. Diane Chessman, Cindy Shaffer and Joanne Mangiapane presented "Web 2.0 for Counselors" in the institute's computer lab. The second presentation, "Exploring the Educational Programs and Services of ETI and PIC" was presented by the staff of ETI and PIC. Beth Teiderman and Dorothy Zilik informed the membership of the Career Quest summer program, 2010 sponsored by UPG for 8th through 11 grade students.

The meeting was brought to order by President Sarah Switala. The secretary and treasurer's reports were approved by the membership. The corresponding secretary reported that thank-you's were sent to Dennis Clawson, John Dittmar and Tina Uratteri. Congratulations on the birth of their children cards were sent to Sarah Switala and Julia Razza.

The scholarship committee reported that there are 3 scholarships of \$750 each available for children of WSCA members and that application can be made on the WSCA website. A motion was made and approved to shift \$265 from the general fund to the scholarship fund.

The college Fair will be hosted by Hempfield Area School District and will be held at WCCC in September 2010. Jeannette School District will assist in the planning of the event.

The announcement was made that Beth Butala and Sarah Switala will co-chair the Western Regional Conference to be held in October, 2011 at WCCC.

Kathy Sclesky reported that the final meeting of WSCA will be held at Seton Hill University on May 26, 2010. In addition, tentative meeting locations were announced. The Fall meeting will be held at The Caring Place in Pittsburgh; December's meeting will be sponsored by Triangle Tech; March's meeting will be sponsored by Greater Allegheny/ New Kensington PSU and May is to be decided.

It was announced that Andrea Handforth of Southmoreland School District was the winner of the \$500 scholarship to attend the PSCA conference in Lancaster on May 20-22, 2010.

Nominations for officers were made for the 2010-2011 school year. They are as follows:

President : Sarah Switala

Vice-president : Lisa Maloney

Recording Secretary: Dennis Gates

Corresponding Secretary : Cassie Moorehead

Member-at-Large Alan Hipps

Associate Board member: Jackie Boyd-Garbett

Retired board member : Rosemary Sovyak

The slate of officers motion was accepted by the membership.

The meeting was adjourned at 10:00 AM.