

IRMC Spring Meeting April 5, 2002

Ivy Tech –West Lafayette

Agenda

- 9:30 – 10:00 Registration
- 10:00-11:00 Richard Cook and Jay Showalter, Indiana University - South Bend
"Promoting Success by Connecting Mathematics and Writing Courses"
- 11:15-12:15 Ed Gallo, Ivy Tech - Fort Wayne
"Evaluating the Effectiveness of Your Math Placement Test"
- 12:15-1:00 Lunch and Business Meeting simultaneously
- 1:00-2:00 Elaine Ellison, Elaine Ellison, Lafayette Public Schools
"Mathematical Quilts"

Cost of the Meeting is \$15 which includes lunch and \$5 membership fee.
Please e-mail Diann Robinson (drobinso@ivy.tec.in.us) by April 1 to reserve your seat.

Directions to the Meeting

From I-65, exit west on St. Rd 38. You will be going toward Lafayette.
There is a Marathon station at the stop light for the intersection of 38 and Creasy Lane.
Turn left.
You should see Ivy Tech entrance directly across from the new Menards.
Turn left into Ivy Tech, go left at the first crossing drive.
You may park in Visitor parking on the north side of Ivy Hall or use the regular lot to the east.
Enter the Northeast doors (that's where most students enter.)
The Lilly Rooms are in the first hall to the right, on the right side.

Future Meetings of IRMC

- Fall Meeting: November 1, 2002 Ivy Tech- Indianapolis
- Spring Meeting: March 28, 2003, Ivy Tech-Bloomington

Secretary's Report

Presented Friday, April 5, 2002, at Ivy Tech State College-Lafayette

The Fall 2001 business meeting of the Indiana Regional Mathematics Consortium was held Friday, November 2, 2001. We met in room 115 of the Cultural Arts Center on the campus of Indiana University-Purdue University at Indianapolis.

President Connie Bolinger called the meeting to order at 11.32am. She welcomed 18 members.

Treasurer Jeff Watt, IUPUI, presented the treasurer's report. To summarize, the balance as of November 2, 2001, was \$528.87 in checking and \$1010 in savings. We accepted this report.

Secretary Renald Simmons presented the minutes of the March 23, 2001 Spring IRMC business meeting held at Indiana University-Kokomo campus. We approved them.

Old business

We accepted the slate of delegates to the AMATYC Toronto conference: President Connie Bolinger, Ivy Tech State College-Central (ret.), Vice-president Janet Teeguarden, Ivy Tech State College-Central, P. Hessert, Ivy Tech-Bloomington, and Ed Gallo, Ivy Tech State College-Fort Wayne. We then voted to contribute \$25 to the Hospitality Room at the AMATYC convention in November. Regarding future AMATYC national convention sites, a majority of the members present asked the delegates to support Cincinnati as the 2007 site and New Orleans for the 2008 site. Finally, we selected Friday, April 5th, as the date for the Spring 2002 IRMC meeting at Ivy Tech State College-Lafayette.

New business

Ed Gallo presented two AMATYC position statements to be discussed, but not voted on, at the delegate meeting. The first regards distance education and the mathematics curriculum of the first two years of college, and the second will set the AMATYC position on the initial placement of students at community colleges into the mathematics curriculum. The text of the preliminary statements is available at the AMATYC web site. AMATYC will offer grants to preservice community college teachers to attend one of the 2002 AMATYC summer institutes. Ed also let us know that freshman/sophomore math programs that have been designated as 'Exemplary' will present workshops. See www.wake.tec.nec.us/crafty for more information. Finally, the delegate meeting will vote on raising the AMATYC dues from the current \$50 to \$60, in order to cover the costs of national staff and services. We voted 7 – 1 to have our delegates vote in favor of this increase.

Announcements

The Fall 2002 meeting is set tentatively for November 1 or November 8, at Ivy Tech-Central.

The future topics we are considering include:

- Placement tests
- Methods, successes, and the impact of Computer Aided Instruction on classes below algebra level
- Math anxiety, maybe with Paul Nolting

Connie Bolinger noted that former IRMC-er Elaine Alton has moved to Big Rapids, Michigan.

We adjourned at 12:09pm EST.

Respectfully submitted,

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