

Here are ****my**** minutes from our meeting tonight. Please disseminate to everyone, for corrections, additions, and then Japheth can produce an "official" document. Thanks, Paul

8/2/13 meeting at Hartford Mathfest

Present: Phil Yasskin, Brandy Wiegers, Paul Zeitz, James Tanton, Tatiana Shubin, Amanda Serenevy, Edward Keppelmann, Sam Vandervelde, Gwinn Royal (associate of Amanda's)

Mathfest 2013: No wrangle will take place

JMM 2014: Tatiana Shubin has requested a wrangle on Saturday plus two Demos (one for students, one for participants). Gerard (sp?) Venema (sp?) says that this will take place, and will be on the web program, but not the written program. There will be no other MCST events.

There was a discussion about "how the SIGMAA is doing? what is its purpose?," with no real conclusions or action items; at first worry about membership dropping from our intitial 100 to 70, but Japheth says that our membership is now at about 150.

There are about 130 circles in North America, up from about 30 just 7 years ago.

There is a need to explicitly do a membership spiel at all SIGMAA events.

Attendance: approximately 60 at James Tanton's session this evening (Exploding Dots)

Discussion of CPS: Tatiana felt that it is boring to hear about how a particular math circle works; consensus is that we want the talks to focus on mathematics. We resolved two things for the next CPS:

- 1) the topic will be "New Mathematical Problems that are suitable for MCs"
- 2) we will ask Gerard to NOT schedule this session at the same time as the recreational math CPS

Sam will send an email in Sept 2013 to all members plus all people who foolishly gave out their email addresses to remind folks to renew or initiate MCST membership.

Mathfest 2014: Will have CPS (15-minute talks), see title above, plus wrangle for undergrads, plus 2 demos (one for teachers, one for participants). Also, a booth, which will have a posted schedule for cool booth events (potential for self-referential fun!). There will be a social event on the night that the CPS ends.

JMM 2015: the How to Run a MC minicourse will run again, probably run by Amanda, Phil, PZ. Deadline for this is Dec 2013. Also there will be two demos (students, participants) and a wrangle. We want to avoid conflicts with the TAHSM SIGMAA and will ask Gerard for help. There will also be a social event on the night that the minicourse ends (with minicourse people plus the old guard).

Elections: Katie Morrison (U. Northern Colorado) has been proposed for chair-elect and she is interested. She will run against Liz Cheney, Robert Mugabe, and Vladimir Putin. Japheth wants to continue in his post; Brandy Wiegers is a backup person if he changes his mind. Elections to take place in September.

Respectfully submitted,

Paul Zeitz