

January 7th Business Meeting 7:30 to 9:00 AM

Tatiana Shubin, Phil Yasskin, Jim Tanton, Sam Vandervelde, Ed Keppelmann, Diana White, Amanda Serenevy

Discussed what we should put out to encourage a diversity of talks at sessions. Sam mentioned that he thought there were fewer talks about interesting mathematical tidbits and activities for circles. Jim mentioned that the phrase "scholarly nature" in the call for proposals might have steered people towards the other kind of talk.

Diana asked whether the first talk should help newcomers know what a Math Circle is, but Tatiana was concerned that it was a long time to sacrifice and might be repetitive for those who know. Jim proposed having a flier at the door to help clarify this. Phil will try to get a good balance of talks in the future, and will try to make sure that a local circle is represented each time.

Sam asked what activities our SIGMAA will be doing in the next year. Our main purpose is to hold talks at the Joint Meetings and Math Fest. We should be sending out a postcard and posting a newsletter on the web page. We are also creating a pull-out poster for Focus this year.

Phil proposed that we have a poster sessions for Circles each time so that. It was proposed to try to have a poster session at Math Fest in August and the Joint Math Meetings next January.

We missed the deadline for an invited talk session at next year's Joint Meetings, but we submitted a proposal late. Perhaps we will still get a session, however even if we don't we can still arrange a session with a speaker or a reception.

Jim mentioned that we should try to meet with the organizers of the Puzzles and Games session because those talks have broad appeal for Math Circle leaders.

We should ask Steve Dunbar to moderate the Math Wrangle on Saturday. There was some discussion about where the students will work. We need to ask Steve to print the rules, problems, and solutions for the audience.

There was discussion of whether to have a Math Wrangle and how to recruit students for it. It was proposed that we would have one and that Steve Dunbar would be asked to recruit for it.

Tatiana reported the outcome of speaking with Ivan about the poster. We actually get a full two-page poster plus another page of explanatory text. Jim showed a mock up of the poster for Focus.