

## FTYCMA Minutes

May 17, 2002 @ 9 am @ VCC in 6-202

Meeting was called to order by president, Cliff Morris, Jr. (VCC) at 9:05 am. No minutes were required from last meeting at Santa Fe Community College during joint meeting with MAA.

Norma Agras (Treasurer-Miami Dade CC) engaged a lively discussion with concerns we arrange for a FTYCMA retreat aimed at tackling statewide problems affecting student learning in mathematics at post-secondary institutions. This forum of mathematics educators would assist in providing solutions involving content of curriculum, placement and assessment, strategies to improve student success and seeking to identify best practices for teaching and learning. The retreat was set for **Friday and Saturday, September 27, 28, 2002** at the **Tarpon Springs campus of St. Petersburg College**. Our local hostesses are Sharon Griggs and Beth Goodbread. Matthew Bouck from the Common Course Numbering Committee is invited to attend this first annual retreat.

Calculator use was a concern of both Mike Keller (St. John's CC) and June White (St. Pete College). A calculator policy statement of Valencia West campus Mathematics was shared addressing the possible misuse of memory storage as a 'cheating' device. The use of a calculator on the statewide competency exam for Beginning Algebra was discussed. If calculator usage is to be allowed in the future, it was felt the examination could be modified to eliminate any advantage students might feel they would gain.

Martha Goshaw (SCC) raised the issue of building interest in becoming a member of FTYCMA. Various ways were discussed as to how we might add value. Some discussion ensued about the possibility of FTYCMA life memberships. Schools having 100% of their math departments registered as members should be recognized on our website. The annual membership dues are \$5 per year.

AMATYC 2004 will be held in Orlando, Florida. Cliff Morris is the local arrangements chair. Needed are a logo and theme, volunteers for various functions (registration, presenters, etc.) and delegates. Please indicate any interest you might have in helping.

A discussion ensued about the possibility of our own conference separate and distinct from the joint conference held annually in March with the Florida Section of the MAA. Presently, the joint meeting is scheduled for February 21 and 22, 2003 at Jacksonville University. Our flag should be present along with the Florida Section's.

Bruce Teague (Santa Fe CC) led a discussion dealing with college success initiatives at the community colleges of those present. Many helpful and informative issues were raised and shared.

Norma Agras (MDCC) and Martha Goshaw (SCC) both volunteered to be co-editors of FTYCMA's newsletter. Many thanks to them both.

Respectfully submitted,

Cliff C. Morris, Jr., President  
FTYCMA