

Daejeon-Chungnam KOTESOL Newsletter

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President's Monthly Message May 12, 2008

Dear Members:

This has been a really busy month for us. There will not be a KOTESOL National Conference this year due to the failure of any one chapter to make a valid proposal to hold it. The National conference is usually held in May therefore we did not schedule any formal meeting or events for this month thinking that everyone would attend the National Conference.

The National Executive Committee meeting was held on May 5, 2008. The major event to come out of that meeting was the disbanding of the Choengju Chapter and National giving us Choengju' as an additional area to work in. I will say more about that later as the events occur. I would like to take this opportunity to welcome our brothers and sisters from Choengju into our chapter. I hope they will enjoy their affiliation with us as much as the rest of us do.

For those of you that do not know there was a huge floor fight last October (2007) at the International Conference over the 2006 ending balance and the current as of October, 2007 balance. There was a 47,000,000 Won missing from a balance of approx. 165,000,000 Won currently in the treasury. These numbers are correct give or take a million won one way or the other. They shocked me also. The upshot of all of this was an extended battle over getting an independent auditor to audit the books and find what happened to the 47,000,000 Won which had been ordered one year previously, but never done. For

more information on this see me and I will try and fill you in on the details.

As of yesterday they found a university professor of accounting that has agreed to audit the books for a fee of 1,500,000 Won. A time frame for completion of the audit was not discussed.

International Conference Budget:

This was another marathon discussion that allowed for heated discussion regarding the final amounts projected. The bottom line is it is projected it will cost 99,330,000 Won and will lose - 13,980,000 Won. These numbers are staggering, but keep in mind this is a projected budget and they are being very pessimistic. Hopefully they will not lose any money. If any one wants a copy of the four page proposal I will scan it in a jpeg or PDF format for you.

Anyone wanting to view the documents please let me know and I will make them available to you for review.

The beginning of next month we would like to have a picnic in Jochiwon at the local reservoir. This is a beautiful spot and is mid-way between Daejeon, Cheonan and Choengju.

This event is for all members, significant others, family, friends, and co-workers. I would ask that you bring your own food to eat, The Chapter will provide some things. I would like to see everyone there for a friendly get to know everyone gathering and a fun time. The date and time will be announced as soon as these details are worked out by the Executive Committee.

We are still looking for a few volunteers to baby sit at our meetings with members young children.

When you come to a meeting bring a friend or a coworker who may be interested in joining our Chapter. We are always looking for new members, with new ideas and energy.

Thank you, See you all at the picnic.

Robert "Bob" Capriles, President

May Meeting to be Potluck Picnic at Kobok Reservoir on June 7

Time: 3:00 pm

Each person/family should bring a prepared dish to share. We'll need to know how many are coming and who's bringing what so we don't get all the same thing. This will be coordinated through Bob @ rcapriles@gmail.com He will bring hotdogs, relish, onions, mustard, ketchup, and buns. He will also make a macaroni salad.

Directions:

Kobok Reservoir or Kobok County Park. The name in Korean is 고복 저수지 or 고복 군립공원. To get there, you would take the road (#1) that runs between Cheonan and Daejeon. (NOTE: This is not the big 6-lane highway. It is the old highway 1 that runs between Cheonan and Daejeon. You can pick it up in Cheonan in front of the Cheonan Campus of Sun Moon University.)

Once, you are in Jochiwon, you have to turn west on to highway #604. You will see apartments on your left side and a number of restaurants on your left side after you have turned onto highway #604. Follow that road and the signs around to the reservoir. It will about fifteen 15 minutes to get to the Reservoir after making the turn onto road #604.

There is one not so obvious turn on road #604. After being on the road about 5

minutes you will see a sign for the park that says to turn right. Turn right and follow the road. You will see the reservoir, but please follow the road all the way around the reservoir until you can see the park. Do not go past the outdoor swimming pools! That's the right place.

For further information or help with directions call Bob @ 010-9959-6468 or Virginia @ 010-3102-4826. Rides will be available from the Jochiwon train station by request – contact Virginia.

Executive Committee Minutes March 22, 2008

The meeting was called to order at 2:00 P.M.

Officers present:

Robert Capriles, Pres.,

Bryan Stoakley, 1st Vice. Pres.,

Aaron Jolly, 2nd Vice. Pres.,

Tony Joo, Treas.

Ryu, In-Kyung, Membership Coord.

and

Sef Kerwin, Past Pres.

Officers excused:

Virginia Hanslien, Sec.,

Susan D. Schroeder, Newsletter Ed.,

and

Kang, Kyunk-Nim, At-Large

Financial Report: Treas. Reported that the financial status of the Chapter has not changed since December, 2007 bas we have not spent any money. Bryan Stoakley made a motion seconded by Sef Kerwin to accept the financial report with any corrections motion carried.

Minutes: Bob Capriles presented the minutes of the last meeting on behalf of the secretary, Virginia Hanslien. Bryan Stoakley made a motion to accept the minutes as corrected and Tony Joo seconded the motion. Motion carried.

Old Business:

1. Everything has been completed with Korea Nazarene University to hold our meetings at KNU.
2. There was a discussion regarding the amount of money to pay the current presenters due to a misunderstanding with National and one of the presenters.
3. Everyone on the E.C. will be thinking about topics for presenters and presenters for future meetings.
4. Bob Capriles advised the E.C. that there would be a meeting on April 12, 2008 at Korea National University of Education for the benefit of the Choengju chapter. It will be presented by the National 1st Vice President. This meeting on the 12th will probably determine the future of the Choengju chapter.
5. The president appointed Susan Schroeder as Newsletter Editor with the approval of the E.C.
6. The chapter agenda for the balance of the year was discussed and it was decided that we would work on a revised schedule for the next meeting.
7. There being no further old business we moved on to new business.

New Business:

1. Aaron Jolly gave a report on the status of next month's event in Daejeon. It was discussed who he had lined up for a plenary speaker, Dr. Kim Jeong-Ryeol, from Korea National University of Education. Dr. Kim's topic is "The Changing Face of Korean Public English Education for Young Learners."
2. There being no additional new business Bryan Stoakley made a motion to adjourn which was seconded by Sef Kerwin. Motion carried.

June Meeting

As per our amended schedule we are going ahead with the late June meeting in Cheonan.

Saturday June 21st, Cheonan-Asan, @ Korea Nazarene University (Cheonan). Daejeon-Chungnam KOTESOL presents, the June Chapter Workshop/Meeting; 3 pm-6 pm with social dinner to follow.

3:00 pm Meet and Greet

3:30 pm Linda Fitzgibbon



*Accelerated Learning -
Academic/Teacher Training
Presentation [All Levels- see abstract]*

4:20 pm Break (10 minutes)

4:30 pm Concurrent Sessions:

Linda Fitzgibbon

*Accelerated Learning - Young Learner
Activities Demonstration*

(t.b.c) Tim Thompson

*(Don't Get Mad Get Creative -
University Level Hands On Teacher
Training Workshop*

5:20 pm Break

5:30 pm Option of Short Forum/Sharing/Feedback Session

6:00 pm Social Dinner

Don't Get Mad, Get Creative!



Tim Thompson, Korea Advanced Institute of Science and Technology (KAIST)

Abstract:

It's easy to become frustrated when student don't perform the way we want them to. When setbacks occur, we need to find ways to keep the class motivated and challenged without allowing students to give up. Examples of challenging teaching situations and the successful solutions that make the classes work will be presented. A brainstorming session will follow to address issues from audience members.

Biography:

Tim Thompson is a Visiting Professor at the Korea Advanced Institute of Science and Technology, (KAIST) in Daejeon. He has been teaching in South Korea for more than eight years. Tim holds an MA in TESOL and a BA in Marketing, and enjoys teaching Business English and presentation skills, and sharing his experiences with other educators. You can find his articles in publications such as ESL Magazine, KATE Forum, The English Connection, and English Teaching Professional Magazine.

Accelerated Learning



Linda Fitzgibbon, Assistant Professor at Hankuk University of Foreign Studies

Biography:

Linda Fitzgibbon is an experienced teacher in a variety of contexts. She has an undergraduate degree in Education and an M.A from the University of Canberra. In Australia, Linda taught primary school as both a classroom teacher, and as a teacher of foreign languages. Later, she taught ESL to adult migrants, as well as English to international students. Linda is an Assistant Professor at Hankuk University of Foreign Studies in Korea, where she teaches in both undergraduate and graduate departments. Her interests are in discovering efficient, appropriate communicative 'doable' pedagogies for teaching EFL to children.

Abstract:

Accelerated Learning (AL) is a general term based on the understanding of how the brain can be used more efficiently to learn. Students develop the ability to learn faster, more effectively and joyfully. The purpose of AL then, is to use the whole brain more efficiently for faster assimilation and better memory; this can ultimately lead to improved levels of self esteem and self confidence. AL should not be thought of as an approach limited to a series of decontextualized techniques. It has a long history, supported by qualitative and quantitative data. This presentation will introduce attendees to AL through fundamental AL techniques which will accelerate learning and boost performance outcomes for their students (and themselves!). AL can be used with all age groups; from children to adults. This presentation will give attendees an understanding of AL's theory and some easy to introduce techniques. Teachers of young learners may find this presentation useful.