**The Modern Language Teachers’ Association of Queensland Inc.**

 Gold Coast Branch **Thursday 3rd April 2014**

 **Venue: G06\_3.60 (Business 3 Building) Commenced: 4.05 concluded 6.00**

**Attendance:**

 Eve Blackwell, Anthony Chapman (Redland Bay SS), Susie Fenton (Mt Tamborine SHS), Jo Fullerton (Canungra SS), Kim Hepworth (Clover Hill SS), Gareth Jones (Robina SHS), Leigh Kirwan (Griffith Uni), Rachel Lornie (Coomera SS), Patricia Petraello (Gaven SS), Flor Rirena (Robina SHS), Jodie DeRoos (Coombabah SHS), Mariko Saito (Griffith/St Brigid’s), Kiyomi Takahashi (Mudgeeraba), Brendan Boyle (Helensvale SHS), Chris Dunn (St Hilda’s), Simon Burgess.

**Welcome**  By Leigh.

 Start:4.05

 **Apologies**

Gisela Bergmann, Tracey Somerville, Lisa Moller, Linda Ramirez, Gabrielle Bert, Sharon Fujie, Ros Fischer

 **President’s Report**

* QUEENSLAND FORUM ON JAPANESE LANGUAGE EDUCATION – PAST, PRESENT & FUTURE

“The Shores” South Bank, Brisbane

Saturday, 12 April 2014. Register and pay $75 at [www.mltaq.asn.au](http://www.mltaq.asn.au)

Registrations close Friday 4th April!

(9 Gold Coast Members attending)

* MLTAQ AGM Report - Well Done MLTAQ Gold Coast - we are most active geographic branch

Leigh gave an overview on the report he presented at the AGM

110 members (GC)

Average attendance per meeting is 20 members (2013)

Acknowledged Carmel and her efforts in the report

Professional development (2013) – best we have had

* Education Perfect World Series Official Launch and Conference: Special reserve tickets for the MLTAQ Network
* New Japanese Cultural School Excursion program – (Ispwich) Takako Haggarty Nishibori Phone: 0733762893/0418188347

e-mail:takako2kotobrisbane.com website: [www.kotobrisbane.com](http://www.kotobrisbane.com)

* Australian Curriculum in-service at Robina SHS - June

 **Webmaster’s Report**

* no issues

**Treasurer’s Report**

* Auditors report has been returned
* Bank balance is the same as last month
* Bank confirmation certificate was required for auditing – took time but was submitted.

Discussion about Marubeni wanting our books before they will give us donations. Maybe this year we have a separate column list in the books for the speech contest. This may help when organisations want to donate money to us so that we can supply them with any relevant financial information quickly.

 **General Business**

* Joe Dale Workshop confirmed for Sunday 1st June at Southport High (TBC) from 9.30-3.30. Any offers of a homestay (Susie Fenton – contact Lisa)? Linda Ramirez and Gisela Bergmann have confirmed. 23 remain. Names to be taken at the meeting.
* Joanne, Kim H, Brendan Boyle, Susie, Chris, Alicia, Rachel, Jackie, Kiyomi, Mariko, Eve, Cathryn, Patricia, Flor, Tracey, Lisa, Anthony, Gareth, Anna Richardson
* **4 Places left (Please e-mail Lisa if you wish to join** **lmoll38@eq.edu.au****)**
* Susie (will look at prices for obentou)
* Leigh will get certificate template and I will write names on them
* Jackie Mikami: Recap on Japan and Friends’ Day (16 March)
* 8000 people attended
* Yukata competition
* School performances
* Excellent street performances
* Dance group came from Sydney
* Anime Cosplay – free tickets
* PD ideas or preferences for the future
* Wellers Hill – to come and present?
* Writing Competition – proceed as previously indicated
* **Friday the 12 September is the entry Due** Date (error on last minutes)
* Agenda procedures during Leigh’s absence (**Gareth will send out agenda and the minutes. He will forward these to Anthony as well)**
* Speech Contest Convenors
* Cairns Branch wants access to the speech contests to assist the creation of their speech contest. Cairns also would also like to find out what we are allocating for funding for regional students to attend the speech competition. The committee decided on the following criteria:
* **Criteria: MLTAQ Gold Coast Branch is offering 4 x $500 bursaries for regional students to support them in attending the Gold Coast Languages Speech Contest to be held on Sunday 17 August, 2014 at Griffith University Gold Coast Campus. To be eligible, recipients must have participated in a regional Japanese contest and comply with the Gold Coast speech contest regulations which can be found on the MLTAQ Gold Coast website. The regional contest convenor should nominate recipients and e-mail Gold Coast Branch Vice President Gareth Jones at Robina SHS** **gjone59@eq.edu.au** **by July 16, 2014. The Gold Coast Branch will notify the successful regional convenor by July 18, 2014. The bursary will be presented at the Gold Coast Speech Contest Awards Ceremony by the Gold Coast Languages Speech Contest Convenor.**
* Surfer’s Paradise festival (multicultural festival) – Benowa entered 30 students in the festival parade

**Professional Development**

(5.15 start)

* Susie Fenton and Cathryn Bruton did some PD on their trip to Asia Pacific University in Beppu, Japan and what APU can offer to members
* Nathan (co-ordinator) is coming to Gold Coast in May. If you would like him to come and talk to students get in touch with Susie. He will come and promote the university and talk to students. Applications for scholarships are on their website and they recruit in April and September. Maybe we can have a dinner.
* All members were asked to bring a piece of best work for sharing. A number were discussed

Meeting closed at 6.00. 8 members adjourned to Nozomi Japanese Restaurant in Parkwood for dinner.

 4:00 p.m. Meeting Dates for 2014 *G06: Business 3 Building*

 Thur 1 May GC MLTAQ G06\_3.60
 Thur 15 May GC Speech Contest Sub-Committee G06\_3.60
 Thur 5 June GC MLTAQ G06\_3.60

 Thur 19 June GC Speech Contest Sub-Committee G06\_3.60
 Thur 17 July GC MLTAQ G06\_3.60
 Thur 31 July GC Speech Contest Sub-Committee G06\_3.60
 Thur 7 August GC MLTAQ G06\_3.60
 Sun 17 August Speech Contest Various

Thur 4 September GC MLTAQ G06\_3.60

 Thu 9 October GC MLTAQ G06\_3.60
 Thu 6 November GC MLTAQ G06\_3.60
 Wed 3 December Christmas Party