Julie Ivan called meeting to order at 5:07 PM.

Those in attendance were: Patty Fox, Dave Urlaub, Aaron Gaertner, Dave Wait, Julie Ivan, Rosa L. Williams, Tammy Brown, Christina Hiotaky, MaryEllen Brocklehurst, Dan Wanink, Michael M. Hintze, John Partridge, Lawrence Neely and Kathy Dardas.

Approval of Minutes: Kathy Dardas shared minutes from July 28, 2016 meeting. Dave Urlaub motioned to approve. MaryEllen Brocklehurst seconded. All were in favor. Minutes were approved.

Treasurers Report: MaryEllen Brocklehurst shared there is no change since July.

Budget Report: Dave Wait gave the report. Found on spring green paper. The Budget Committee met this summer and overall ended the year well. The budget for the 2016-2017 year, currently we are in negative with our net income due to time of year. We need carryover from previous year as not able to take from other accounts. The Budget committee will meet in the winter 2017 to see if any adjustments will be needed.

Director’s Report: Tammy Brown shared the following the information:

a. Christina Hiotaky, MI SkillsUSA State Secretary gave a thorough description and overview of the Executive Council report.
   CTSO training was held at the DoubleTree in Dearborn. Students learned their duties, SkillsUSA knowledge and built leadership. They networked with other CTSO groups. Nationals were in Louisville, with 5 current officers and 1 former officer. Students planned the breakouts for the Fall Leadership conference at a meeting in July. Christina and 1 other officer attended WLTI.

b. New Schools/Advisors – there are 16 new possible schools of which two have joined. List found on pg. 4 of Advisor packet

c. New Advisor Workshop – Held on October 5, 2016. 14 new advisors (2 years or less involvement) attended. This was count day, thought this may have been why the numbers were lower than last year.

d. Technical Committee Meeting – will be held October 25, 2016. Help is needed at 10:00AM in Ambassador Ballroom. 98 will attend.

e. Fall Leadership Conference – will be held on November 1, 2016 with FCCLA with 366 registered. There will be 5 breakouts instead of 3 this year. The US Army, Army National Guard is sponsoring Advisor Lunches. They will be doing a breakout for the students and advisors. Nolan Rogers, former state officer and Haylee Lee, former state officer will also be presenting on Social Media.

f. Newsletter has been distributed. State Officers are responsible for writing articles. If any chapters have articles or photos to share, please send to Tammy. She would welcome your input.
Additional: Annual report pamphlet was developed. DECA and FCCLA do this as well. This was sent out over 500 CT directors, sponsors and advisors. Please make sure to share with your CTE principal. A suggestion was made to add dates of conferences to the annual report.

Bruce Boguski will be the keynote speaker for the State Conference.

Regional Reports:

a. Region 1 – MaryEllen Brocklehurst reported no meeting has been scheduled. Melissa Conkles from Lenawee is aware of questions and working with Mark LaFollette.

b. Region 2E – Michael Hintze. Their meeting is scheduled, however response has been low. Still trying to reach out. Not sure if data base for emails is up to date. They have several new advisors and would like to organize opportunities for them to view Regional competitions so they know how things are run. The competition for Auto is to State Only. Regional at Macomb. He is still learning the ropes.

c. Region 2W – Patty Fox. They held a regional conference call on 10/23/16. Auto Tech Instructors held a meeting, they had many emails bounce back, please let Tammy know so list can be updated.

d. Region 3 – Dave Urlaub – held a meeting and all schools were represented. There are still some loose ends to tie up that will be dealt with at the Fall Leadership meeting. Good problem to have is that Mott used to hold photo and Ad design. SVSU would also like to host. Decided to alternate between the two schools. Regional’s will be held at Delta, Baker and Mott.

e. Region 4 – Tammy Brown reported no new information at this time.

f. Region 5 – John Partridge reported they will hold a Regional advisor meeting on Nov. 17

Unfinished Business:

a. State Conference Statesmen Award Stage Recognition – the process appeared chaotic last year at States. There were 133 last year receiving the award. All 133 received their pins the night before. It is decided that House lights will come up; students will stand and be recognized. And certificates will be distributed after the State Conference to schools.

b. Future State Conference dates – pg. 5 of the advisory council packet. Dates are tentative through 2028. Have looked at the spring break schedule and hopes are to not conflict as we know that causes difficulties for students.

Discussion RE: holding conference at Amway Grand, after discussion, it was identified that this is the best place for students

John Partridge shared that as educators it is our goal to educate and share with those that are anti-school. His superintendent is sending messages and advocating.

New Business:

a. Membership Benchmarking Report – Tammy reported sharing information on page 6 and 7 of Advisory packet. National State Directors compile information and prior to this year enrollment in HS was steady and in Post-Sec. Michigan was at risk. This year both HS and Post Sec. have moved to Steady. There are peaks and valleys over years.
? if National office should look at declining enrollment? Numbers should still fall within 90-100% of total population
? if at risk what is consequence? Nothing was expected, more of information piece so states knew what their data was.
Michigan is ranked 21 nationally out of 60 State Associations. Enrollment numbers correlate to when State conference is if spring break falls during the State conference.

b. MAT2 Interviews at State Conference
Tammy shared MAT2’s interest in being involved with SkillsUSA at the Business & Industry level. The opportunity for students with MAT2 is identified in Advisory packet pages 8-10. MAT2 would like to hold interviews with prospective students who have already connected with MAT2 at SkillsUSA State Conference on Sat. in the afternoon, after competitions are over. They would be willing to assist with judges in the AM. Discussion followed. Dave Wait questioned if students would participate, students would be already connected with MAT2. Employers and students would make connections prior to the State Conference. Kathy Dardas suggested MAT2 get involved at the Regional contests to share their information with students and build prospective connections between the students and MAT2. Decided to have a trial run this year and see how it goes. Look at incorporating interviews into contests for the future. Share flyers and handouts with students and instructors to get students the information about the MAT2 opportunities.

Next meeting will be in Early March 2017 with a conference call. Budget meeting may be face to face. More information will be shared.

Meeting adjourned at 6:40 PM. Dave Urlaub made motion, seconded by John Partridge, all in favor.

Respectfully submitted,
Kathy Dardas