

OFLA Annual Board Report

May 19, 2021

As the Professional Development Chair of the Ohio Foreign Language Association, I:

I. Collaborated with Kathleen Sheldon from ODE to bring together the summer series for the Virtual Meetups during the summer of 2020. I provided technical support for the sessions and promoted the events.

II. Provided technical support and volunteers to help assist Gary DiBianca and Teri Wiechart for the “Teaching For Language Acquisition” course in August 2020.

III Organized, promoted, attended and provided technical support for the November, 2020 regional professional development webinar series, “Building Community in the Hybrid and Virtual Learning Environment.”

II. Collaborated with Debbie McCorkle to launch the OFLA Book Club. I prepared online registration and promoted 4 book club sessions starting in January 2021 through April 2021. I secured a guest author for one of the sessions.

III. Collaborated with Rebecca Bias and professors at the Ohio State University to bring together the February 6, 2021 regional professional development “Incorporating Intercultural Learning Into The Language Curriculum.” I advertised, promoted, completed online registration, attended, and provided technical assistance for the presenters.

IV. Collaborated with Cheryl Johnson and helped organize the OFLA Mini Conference”Moving Forward” on April 23 and 24 2021. I promoted the event, led two sessions, sought out volunteers for technical assistance and help with registration as needed.

V. Collaborated with Kathleen Sheldon from ODE to continue to promote Virtual Meetups called World Language Wednesdays to our members and all Ohio teachers throughout the 2020-2021 school year.

VI. Secured five educators to lead the OFLA Language Cafés during the Summer of 2021. Initiated the promotion and registration for these events.

VI. Posted to the OFLA listserv and sent posts to be places in the Facebook page and OFLA twitter account related to all the regional professional developments. I wrote two articles for our Cardinal newsletter.

VII. Attended the 2021 CSCTFL conference and participated in the Leadership Academy from March 2021 until May 2021.

VIII. Participated in the initial LILL conference meetings in April 2021 and May 2021. The involvement in this program will continue until the summer of 2022.

IX. Created a committee of 10 members to lead the Professional Development for OFLA this year. Held six committee meetings from July 2020 until May 2021. The committee members helped secure our regional PD presenters, organize the events, provided technical support, presented sessions in our regional PD sessions and helped automate our certificate of completion process. The committee members will be leading and assisting the OFLA Language Cafés during the summer of 2021.

Respectfully submitted,

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