

ALHA Board Meeting Minutes December 7, 2015

Board Members Present

Josh Williams-President

Tess Kidd- Treasurer

Joleen Linson- Secretary

Kerry Spears- Communications

Linda Powell- District 1 Representative

Lieta Spears- District 4 Representative

Conference Call

Steve Dunlap- Vice President

News to Report

Tulip Academy was the 1st weekend of November. There were 12 children involved, most of them first timers. Probably going to start having it every other year.

State Parks Green Friday 2015 at Historic Washington. Their activity was to make something out of nothing. They had 20 people and made rag dolls, ornaments, and did printing.

Minutes from last meeting presented. Tess Kidd made a motion to accept them, Linda Powell seconded the motion, minutes were approved.

Officer Reports

Secretary: Josh came to Little Rock to go through all the papers Joleen has from the previous secretaries. Joleen will talk with Historic Arkansas about storing the papers in a 2 drawer file cabinet in education. We need to keep the by-laws, minutes, officers by year, and membership lists. We'll look at what 501©3 suggests for record retention. We'll keep conference registration forms for one year, a printed list of membership, minute binder with all minutes, and a list of all officers in the minute binder.

Treasurer: We have \$12,511.77 in the bank. We have a budget surplus. We haven't spent our budgeted money. We are going to resubmit a w-9 for a change of address from Old State House to Historic Arkansas Museum. Kerry Spears made a motion to approve the budget quarterly report, Joleen Linson seconded. Motion passed.

Vice-President: No report.

District 1: They will be having a sewing workshop on February 20th. They haven't been able to schedule the journeyman workshop with Elista, suggested a journeyman workshop at the conference.

District 2: Leon was not present. Joleen reported that he was still working on the internet resources workshop. Joleen also reported that Historic Arkansas, the Old State House, Mosaic Templars, and the Governor's Mansion just had a joint Christmas/Holiday event Sunday the 6th.

District 3:

Jane Ellen has resigned from her position so there is a need to fill the position. There are two choices:

Martha Siler: Van Buren, working on local arrangements, has been a member in the past but would need to become one by the conference

Carly Squyres- young, energetic, works at the Shiloh Museum, is a member, attended last year's conference

Josh will send formal invitation to Carly about the position and we will vote via email. Then it was decided to wait until the conference to fill the position with the election. Board will not appoint an interim.

District 4: Headwear workshop was held on October 17th. There were 13 people at the workshop. There will be another workshop in January possibly on accessories.

Communications: Kerry is working on the newsletter and it should be out by the 15th of December. Conference packets will go out after the first of the year. Information about the conference will be put in the newsletter and in the ALHFAM newsletter. Wufoo website has changed its payment policy to \$14.95 per month. Wufoo is the platform to manage the website. It's \$29.95 to accept payments. This streamlines registrations and payments for the conference. Kerry is going to check with Nick about Wufoo. Kerry about had inquiry from a mother with a 13 year old son who is interested in living history and because of his age cannot be a member. She wants to know if she can join and bring him with her. It was decided those under 18 would have to have an sponsoring adult member with them to attend the conferences. Kerry needs information for the website.

Conference Report

They still need proposals. A suggested session was how to make history connect with math and science. The site for the conference is the Drennan-Scott house. Sessions will be held there. The Friday night potluck will be on the back porch. Field trip plans right now are the Clayton House, Fort Smith Historic Site, Cemetery, and a self- guided walk down Main Street. Main Attraction in downtown Van Buren works for lunch but it's old. Opera House is little. We wouldn't be able to feed everyone at tables. It does have a stage which would allow for a talent show. There is room on stage to dance. It was decided to have both lunch and dinner at Main Attraction. Conference hotel will either be the Holiday Inn at \$89 a night or Sleep Inn at \$79 a night. Holiday Inn will give the government rate for state employees and a hospitality suite. A suggestion for Saturday night was a talent show. Information would be put in the conference packet for those interested. They will check with Ian Beard about being the auctioneer and mc for Saturday night.

Old Business

None

New Business

We need to start looking for new officers for next year. Positions for election are the treasurer, vice president, communications and district rep for 1 and 3. The treasurer needs to be a bookkeeper, know Quikbooks or willing to learn it and know government regulations.

Tess made motion to adjourn, Kerry seconded. Motion passed. Next meeting will be in February at Historic Arkansas Museum.