

ALHA Board Meeting Minutes December 12, 2016

Board Members Present

Josh Williams-President
Judy Costello- Treasurer (conference call)
Joleen Linson- Secretary
Kerry Spears- Communications
Linda Powell- District 1 Representative
Leon Tidwell- District 2 Representative
Carly Squyres- District 3 Representative (conference call)
Leita Spears- District 4 Representative

Approval of Minutes: Leon Tidwell made a motion to approve the minutes of the last board meetings. Kerry Spears seconded. Motion passed with no opposition.

Secretary Report: Joleen Linson reported that membership was at 169. Joleen asked questions about memberships running through the year, having the membership run from the date they joined, or having the option of paying for upcoming year. Constitution would have to be changed to change structure of membership. Options were to prorate it or have a different cost if they join after June. Judy Costello and Joleen Linson are to work on this and come up with a potential proposal for annual meeting and have a rough draft by next board meeting.

Committee Reports

Finance: Balance and profit/loss sheet provided. Will need to fill out the forms for address change. Joleen to check with OSH to see if we have mail. In regards to the audit, Leita has a sister that is an accountant. It would be \$75 per billable hour, no more than \$1000. She will work with us on it. It would be a minimum of \$500 and up to \$1000. We will have to discuss with her what she will need for account reviews. Leita will send contact information to Judy and we will vote after we see what she needs and Judy gives a recommendation. A review would be done with a change of treasurer. We need to look at the paypal account, set up the treasurer email account, need to get it done before the conference.

Communications: Currently the website cannot be updated at all. There is an error when trying to log in. Kerry can't do anything. Wufoo is no longer a free service, it's now \$15 per month, can go up during conference months for conference registrations. Kerry looked at new services that may be better for us. Looked at website hosting that will integrate everything we need- membership, conference, etc. AMA uses wild apricot press- it has a mobile option, membership,

conference, message board, contacts. It's \$500 per year and they supply support, members get some access to site. We will get Wufoo up this year for the conference. We will get it working this month to make sure it works for the conference. Leon will look at website hosting with communications committee. In regards to the Facebook page, April Goff is an administrator but we can't take her off because she is the creator of the page. Carly, Josh, Tess, and Kerry are administrators on the discussion group page. For the discussion group page we need a disclaimer page, cull members on discussion page that aren't members, discussion on if we need criteria for people to join the discussion group. Right now we will just monitor the page and leave it like it is.

Awards/Scholarship: Nothing to report, call for nominations will go out in January.

Education

Nothing to report

District Reports

District 1: Nothing to report. There were 5 living history events.

District 2: Museums had their holiday events. HAM has the Christmas Frolic and Nog-Off. OSH hosted the Chamber Singers for 2 events.

District 3: There was a meet-up for members of District 3 that 8 or 9 people. They talked about what they had been doing. Carly is working Siloam Springs Museum to join ALHA. Prairie Grove's event went well. On January 28th Doug Kidd will lead a program on how to be a living historian from 9:00-4:00 at Headquarters House.

District 4: They have been busy. There are new volunteers at Historic Washington. There are members doing workshops. The Ladies Gathering was the 1st weekend in August. The cost was only the cost of the bunk. It was an immersion weekend with different sessions on a variety of things in the 1800s- hair, makeup, looking at daguerreotypes. They are thinking about a Gentleman's Gathering. Historic Washington is doing volunteer training.

Conference

Carly reported that there were not as many sessions submitted and we only have 2 concurrent sessions per time. Saturday sessions will start at 9:00. District meetings will happen before lunch as a session time. The representative will be elected at this time.

Josh reported that Mary Theobald will be the guest speaker. It'll cost just under \$800. She will speak at lunch and do a Saturday session. We will have to have someone pick her up Friday from the airport and take her back. Leita volunteered to do this.

The hotels are the Comfort Inn which will have the hospitality room and the Holiday Inn. Both are \$89 a night. February 15th is the last day to make reservations. The conference information will be out by January 13th and early registration will end the 10th of February.

Linda reported that the field trips are Jacksonport and Behind the Scenes at Independence County Museum. We are still trying to confirm Marshall's Dry Goods. Saturday dinner will be at Elizabeth's. We need food prices before Christmas. The Humanities council is giving us \$200 for breaks. We still need auction items. For transportation we are going to have to carpool and the HAM van can take some people.
expenses.

Old Business

None.

New Business

None

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Leon made a motion to adjourn, Leita 2nd. Motion passed with no opposition.