

ALHA Board Meeting Minutes September 19, 2016

Board Members Present

Josh Williams-President

Tess Kidd- Vice President

Judy Costello- Treasurer

Joleen Linson- Secretary

Linda Powell- District 1 Representative (conference call)

Leon Tidwell- District 2 Representative

Carly Squyres- District 3 Representative (conference call)

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

Secretary Report: Joleen Linson checked with the post office and they need Josh's information and for him to come in since he is the caretaker of the box. Membership is at 166. A membership by district list was requested by the district reps. The list will be sent out before the next meeting.

Committee Reports

Finance: The budget was provided. We have \$1000 more this year than last year. We've made more and spent less. Auction has improved since we started and the live auction has helped. Judy Costello checked on the audit and the lowest quote she could get was \$8000. AMA does not do an audit. Monthly bank statements are sent to the board and a quarterly financial statement is provided to the board. The members get an annual financial statement. Tess Kidd made a motion to not require an audit and go with standard accounting procedures. Linda Powell seconded. Motion passed with no opposition. Tess suggested that the new budget be made in November. The finance committee will work on the budget and present it at the next meeting.

Awards/Scholarship: The ALHFAM Fellowship recipient was Sheila Ballard. The ALHA Fellowships went to the Istre Sisters. Their reports should be in the next newsletter. Report to Tess anything noteworthy for awards: Best Event, Best Living Historian
Josh requested a formalization of the fellowship requirements. It was suggested to have the ALHFAM Fellowship recipients present at the ALHA conference or do a blog or present at another conference.

Communications: In Kerry Spears' absence, Josh delivered the report for Communications. The newsletter is to go out September 19th. Article from recipient of the fellowships needed within a certain time. Awards/scholarship committee will include deadline in requirements. District reps

need to send information to Kerry. Kerry attended a state parks workshop in August and advertised the conference. There were over 80 people in attendance. The board is missing some of the old pictures. When we get the new PO box a new brochure needs to be made. Tess suggested using whoever April used for the last printing. Kerry will check with April about brochures. We do have an official facebook page and a closed discussion page. Carly suggested phasing out the discussion page and having people go to the regular page. Files that want to be shared can be sent out through the communications director. Could possibility change the name of the discussion group and not have it associated with ALHA. Josh, Kerry, Carly, and communications committee will work out Facebook page and social media standards. WuFoo might need tweaking.

WuFoo and paypal need to be sent to the treasurer email.

Education

Nothing to report

Certification

Elistra Istre has moved to Colorado with a new job.

Conference

Theme statement needs to be gotten together. Theme is about making history important again and fun. "Shine a Light on our Arkansas History"

Call for papers to go out by the 23rd, submissions will be due by November 4th

Submissions to be sent to Linda

Sessions to be limited to one hour

There are 3 hotels. The Comfort Inn will do \$90/night plus tax and a complimentary hospitality room. The Holiday Inn is \$116/night plus tax. No information on a hospitality room.

Vehicles: State parks with vans- Linda to check with them about transport, SP director will have to approve using them.

Josh has talked to Mary Theobald about coming to the conference as a keynote speaker. Josh will work on a Humanities Council grant to cover her expenses.

District Reports

District 1: Participated in local events, working on the conference. Parker Homestead 2nd two weekends in October.

District 2: Historic Arkansas has school fair in October. HAM will be hosting Ballot Box Ballads on September 24th. Bill Worthen's retirement party will be in October.

District 3: Historical Society has touch screens. Murrell Home will be having an Antique Agriculture Festival the 2nd weekend in October. Shiloh Museum is working on a virtual field trip with Arkansas A+. Holly Houser is looking for a new position.

District 4: Ladies Gathering at Historic Washington learned to put impression together. Reenact “That Day in History” with volunteers from different states. State park license plate money goes to fund scholarships for public schools to attend interpretive programs.

Old Business

We received a letter thanking us for a donation.

New Business

Mark Christ has started the WWI Centennial Commission. Tess reported that the Headquarters House is doing WWI events. Little Rock museums have started a suffrage committee.

Josh suggested everyone look over the SOPs and see if any changes needed to be made. If so a committee could be formed to make revisions.

Judy made a motion to adjourn, Tess 2nd. Motion passed with no opposition.