

ALHA Board Meeting Minutes September 25, 2017

Board Members Present

Josh Williams-President

Joleen Linson- Secretary

Judy Costello- Treasurer (by phone)

Leon Tidwell- District 2 Representative

Kerry Spears- Communications (by phone)

Approval of Minutes: Leon Tidwell moved to approve both board meeting minutes, Kerry 2nd, motion passed with no opposition

Secretary Report: Current membership still at a little over 100; we still haven't received the grant check from AHC at the PO box. Judy has received it.

Committee Reports

Finance/Review: We've received the AHC grant check, less than expected expenses, right on target with the budget, doing well, will send the check to OIRM; Do we want to merge the accounts- regular and small conference account; There was a suggestion of a prepaid debit card each year for conference for a certain amount. Judy wasn't for this because it would be hard to keep account of expenses. It's easier to get reimbursed from Judy for conference expenses. Motion to combine accounts made by Judy. Leon 2nd. Passed with no opposition.

Invoice received from Wild Apricot- Judy should go ahead and pay the \$756. The OIRM check will be sent to Josh and he'll send it to them with a letter of thanks.

Awards/Scholarships: Joleen suggested maybe having 2 scholarships for the national ALHFAM since it is at a ALHA member site, should be less cost because there is not as much travel involved. It will come out of the 2018 ALHA conference auction- we will evaluate based on money raised in the auction.

Communications: Haven't received articles from the scholarship recipients, not gotten anything for the newsletter so haven't sent one out yet, when is the deadline for the newsletter- the next newsletter is to go out in December. Judy will remind Aaron, Carly, and Brandon to do reports and get them to Kerry by December 1st, most people are just looking at the Facebook discussion group. There was discussion on the frequency for the newsletter- we may have to change the constitution to change the frequency, will discuss with members at conference.

Education:

District 1- not here

District 2- busy summer at HAM, school fair is October 25-27, Big Booseum Bash is Oct 26th, OSHM has Cabinets of Curiosities Exhibit; Swanee Bennett officially named director of HAM

District 3- (Judy reported in Carly's absence) AMA newsletter for events in that area; Murrell House October 6-8 is the Agricultural Festival

District 4- (Leita on Sheila's behalf) Looking at accommodations- working on conference, apprentice workshop in June, maybe a journeyman workshop

Certification: There were 22 people at the workshop in June at Historic Washington State Park, most of them volunteers for HWSP; Tess will talk to pin and badge company about pricing for pins.

Conference: There are 2 host hotels: Super 8- \$60 per night and Best Western- \$75 per night. Both have breakfast available. Best Western provided hospitality room at last conference. Bunkhouse is available at \$15 per night but no breakfast. Facilities at Historic Washington we'll be using are the schoolhouse, gym, Presbyterian church; we haven't received a lot of proposals; only one so far in writing, need proposals- can extend deadline to October 20th if we need to. Next meeting will be in December, conference information will go out in December before Christmas, applying for another AHC grant for a guest speaker. Josh has two in mind- Bill Barker who portrays Thomas Jefferson at Colonial Williamsburg or JR Edmundson who portrays Sam Houston and Jim Bowie and is a member of the Texas Living History Association; the Slave Dwellings Project is also an idea or Angela Rogie who is a descendant people enslaved by the Drennan family

Old Business

Website: Wild Apricot will be our new host; emails sent to the 5 people as managers; www.alha.wildapricot.org is temp location until we get everything moved over; Communications group needs to work on layout, what tabs to have; everyone will have a member login- have it where only members can see contact information; members can update their profile and put up a picture. Question about if individual members can make their profile public. Contact for support group when you log in, membership- contacts/members; Josh wants input from everyone. PayPal account can be set up with Wild Apricot, member ID number, public view button, in 2 weeks the communication committee should get together to look at website, have ready by 1st of November for board, will move website when we have it exactly how we want

New Business

None

Leon motioned to adjourn, Kerry seconded. Motion passed with no opposition.

