

**GREATER CINCINNATI CHAPTER AOSA**  
**Board Meeting Minutes**  
**January 10, 2009**

1. President John Crandall called the meeting to order at 10:20 a.m., following a delicious carry-in breakfast at the home of MaryEllen Haynes.
2. Members present were John Crandall, Michael Merry, Tim Kloth, Leslie Hicks, Lissa Ray, MaryEllen Haynes, Helen Tormey, Corrie Graham, Lorrie Hager, Sarah McCoy, Dawn Bruestle, Lois Baratko, Dianne Kronour, Kay Edwards, Ligaya deLeon-Baumann, Ben Schneider, and Judy Schneider.
3. Kay Edwards moved to accept the minutes of the September 20, 2008 meeting with one correction: Under the Scholarship entry, the scholarship recipient who sent the nice note was Brenda Weinhart. Corrie Graham seconded. Motion carried.
4. **COMMITTEE REPORTS**
  - A. **Treasurer** – Dianne Kronour reported that we are in good shape. (Report attached.) Our investments are down some, but not as bad as they could be, and we are in a good position for when things rebound - hopefully soon! Thanks to Dawn's efforts we again received a \$400 Chapter Workshop Grant from National to help pay for one workshop with an approved clinician.
  - B. **Editor** – Sarah McCoy would like to receive all information for the winter issue of the newsletter no later than January 17. MaryEllen will send a description of her workshop. John will send an article about Chapter Sharing. Kay will send info about the Miami Levels Classes and Miami Tuition Grant.  
Sarah "inherited" many items from Melanie, the previous editor, which she no longer needs, since we are distributing the newsletter electronically now. Kay will take the letterhead and envelopes. Tim would like the list of previous presenters. The publishing program is obsolete and should be pitched. Judy would like the mailing labels. Tim will take the 11x17 paper. Sarah will bring these items to the February workshop for pick-up.
  - C. **Program** – Tim Kloth passed around a list of possible presenters for future workshops and asked for recommendations from the board, since he is not familiar with many of them. A lengthy discussion ensued and many ideas were generated.
  - D. **Membership** – Corrie Graham reported that we are holding steady at between 90-100 members. That makes us one of the largest chapters in the country.

- E. College Credit** – Kay Edwards reported that the number of students taking the workshops for credit remains at 8.
- F. Scholarship** – John Crandall read an e-mail from Chairperson Lisa Berry. She still has no applicants for the Levels Scholarship for this summer. Deadline is January 31. MaryEllen requested that we revisit the “need-based” aspect of awarding scholarships. Michael Merry moved to have the Scholarship Committee meet to re-examine scholarship criteria, especially for Conference attendance, in light of today’s discussion. MaryEllen Haynes seconded. Motion carried.
- G. Hospitality** –Lissa Ray thanked the people who had filled in for her so well in September, and regretfully asked them to do the same in February and March. Ben and Ligaya agreed. February should be easy because Board Members bring all the treats. They need to let John know via e-mail what they will be bringing.
- H. Video/Webpage** – Dawn Bruestle reported for Doug that he is receiving quite a few requests for the DVDs of workshops. The application is on the webpage, and he always brings a few forms with him to workshops. Corrie Graham reported the she and Dale Poling are working on upgrading the webpage. John Crandall read an e-mail from Dale, who has found a suitable machine to convert our old videos to DVDs at Radio Shack for \$250. Lissa said she and Darryl have one that could be borrowed. Dawn said she will have Doug get in touch with Darryl and see how it works. Helen offered to have her husband check prices at “Tiger Direct.” Dale has also recommended that the chapter obtain a better wireless mike, to enhance the quality of the DVDs. Tim mentioned that there is a “new generation” of mikes because of changes to the FM frequencies. John will investigate possibilities, and we can meet briefly after the February Workshop, or take an e-mail vote to approve any necessary funds.
- I. Boutique** – Lorrie Hager reported that the sales at the All-Ohio Conference were not as strong as they had hoped for, but they did clear some money and paid all expenses. The committee is meeting at Nancy Etter’s next Saturday, January 17. New members are always welcome.
- J. 2010 Conference** – Michael Merry reported that the contract for Kay Lehto should be sent out within the next month. Dianne Kronour suggested that if Kay’s fee exceeds \$500, we should offer to pay her ½ this year as a deposit, and the balance next fall, for tax purposes. The anonymous donation towards the Conference expenses turned out to be \$1,500 rather than \$1,000. Mike and Kay are working out the space requirements at Miami, and will consult with Rosie Koepfle after OMEA. Sandy Stauffer from Arizona State will be another clinician. Sarah McCoy

suggested that we could put together a Board Cookbook with the Conference Theme "A Taste of Orff" to sell at the Boutique.

## **5. OLD BUSINESS**

- A. AOSA Conference Charlotte** – We were well represented with more than 20 members attending. It was a great conference.
- B. Recognition of Etters** – Lois Baratko will obtain a \$50.00 gift card for Paragon Restaurant, which we will present to Ken and Nancy after the February Workshop, for all their efforts with the Boutique.

## **6. NEW BUSINESS**

- A. Nominations** - Judy Schneider agreed to run for Secretary again. Tim Kloth agreed to run again as Program Co-Chair. He will contact Shelley Pembleton to see if she wants to run again. Lissa Ray offered to take over contract responsibilities, which opened up the Hospitality position. Ben Schneider and LiGaya deLeon-Baumann, who have done so well filling in for Lissa, agreed to accept that nomination. Nominations for all three posts will also be taken from the floor. Discussion then turned to Board Members at Large. Lissa will call Julia Bethune. John will call Sabra Thomas. Helen will call Katrina Vissman. Other names suggested were Clinton Wright and Heather Hutchinson.
- B. Chapter Credit Card for frequent flyer miles.** Tabled until next meeting.
- C. Milwaukee Boutique** - has requested donations for their silent auction at Conference next fall. We will put together a basket of favorite teaching aids from our Boutique.

## **7. ANNOUNCEMENTS**

- A.** Board members will provide breakfast goodies for the February workshop.
- B.** Next Board Meeting is after the March Workshop, March 21.
- C.** Lissa Ray is presenting for the Columbus Chapter on February 21.
- D.** John Crandall has been notified that he has been selected to present at the National Conference in Milwaukee.

- 8. Meeting adjourned** at 12:00 noon, with many thanks to MaryEllen for her hospitality.

Respectfully submitted,

Judy Schneider, Secretary