

MEM

GREATER CINCINNATI CHAPTER AOSA
Board Meeting Minutes
January 8, 2011

1. President Michael Merry called the meeting to order at 1:50 p.m., following lunch at Corrie Graham's house.
2. Members present were Michael Merry, Doug Bruestle, Corrie Graham, Lissa Ray, Melanie Sherby, Theresa McKnight, Clinton Wright, Becky Cornett, Julia Bethune, Rob Bethune, John Crandall, Tracey Book, Dianne Kronour.
3. Doug Bruestle moved to accept the minutes from the October 16, 2010 meeting. Lissa Ray seconded. Motion carried.

4. COMMITTEE REPORTS

A. Treasurer –

1. Report – Dianne Kronour passed out a Financial Activity report spanning from July 1, 2010 – January 8, 2011. Please see attached report for specific details. The total income for the chapter is \$13,131.12. The total expenses for the chapter are \$10,618.12. The chapter's total assets equal \$49,434.67. The board needs to make a decision about what to do with the money market fund, which totals \$7,266.32. Dianne suggested investing this money in another Pimco fund, which is anticipated to yield 7 – 8% in yearly interest. This is a mix of bond and stock funds. The chapter currently has \$7,918.97 in its checkbook, which will be used to pay for three workshops in the 2010-2011 school year and the first workshop of the 2011-2012 school year. The chapter's investments from last year are up approximately \$3,000. Corrie Graham motioned to place the \$7,266.32 in the Pimco fund. Clinton Wright seconded the motion. Motion carried.

Michael Merry raised questions about the amount of the presidential stipend that is given to the GCAOSA president every year for National Conference registration. Dianne Kronour motioned to make the amount of the presidential stipend equal to the fee of a full-time teacher registration and that it can be used for the cost of registration and/or expenses. Lissa Ray seconded. Motion carried. Dianne reminded the board that the money for the presidential stipend comes from the endowment account. Dianne Kronour motioned to make the amount of the National Conference Scholarship equal to the registration fee, plus \$500 towards expenses. Corrie Graham seconded. Motion carried.

If the endowment fund makes 7% in interest, the chapter will have approximately \$1,200, as well as any boutique profits, to use towards upcoming scholarships. The current GCAOSA policy is to give one national conference and one levels scholarship. It is also possible for

two levels scholarships to be awarded, if no one applies for the national conference scholarship. Doug Bruestle suggested that the scholarship committee handle the final decision on how to delegate money.

2. Endowment – Becky Cornett reported that there have been no contributions made to the endowment fund since the last board meeting. Michael suggested advertising that a donation can be made to the fund in honor of retired members. This information could then be printed in the newsletter.
3. Mini Conference – The chapter purchased a soprano xylophone and two finger cymbals for the Miami University music department. Kay Edwards sent the chapter a Thank You note. Dianne Kronour reported that the chapter did not lose any money in hosting the mini-conference.

B. Newsletter Editor – Julia Bethune commented that she would like to send the newsletter out by January 15th.

C. Program –

- February 5, 2011: John Crandall
- March 5, 2011: David Connors
- April 16, 2011: Chapter Sharing
- September 10, 2011:
- October 15, 2011: Kris Olson

Lissa told John Crandall that we are very excited to have him present at the chapter workshop on February 5th. John shared that his workshop will be exploring texture, form, and color through the Schulwerk. Lissa Ray shared that she has James Harding scheduled to present a workshop in September 2012. Lissa stated that we need to be aware of scheduling anything during Rash Hashanah. Lissa is considering the idea of having a clinician present sequential workshops. In other words, the same clinician would present several times in one school year.

For the April 16th Chapter Share, Clinton Wright would like to share his research about Carl Orff's desire for music educators to use all three sections of the *Music for Children* Volumes simultaneously. Lissa Ray stated that Ben Schneider has offered to present a technology based session. Tracey Book reminded the board that we earlier discussed having a Volumes sight-reading session during the Chapter Share. Corrie suggested having Clinton present first and then break up into two groups to either go to Ben's session or the read-through session, and then switch. It was also suggested that people bring in lesson plans to share. Clinton said that he would lead the sight reading session.

Deanna Stark told Michael Merry that she really enjoyed presenting in Cincinnati.

- D. Membership** – Corrie Graham reported that someone from Kentucky sign up to be a GCAOSA member so she could go to the OMEA conference. Corrie also shared that it is going to cost \$10 more to join GCAOSA for the remainder of the 2011 school year. It was decided that this information will be printed in the newsletter. Corrie is going to send out the directory following the second workshop. She reported that GCAOSA currently has 60 members.
- E. College Liaison** – Kay Edwards was not present to report.
- F. Scholarship** – Lissa clarified that herself, Darryl Davis, Kay Edwards, Dianne Kronour, Jocelyn Wilson, and Lisa Gayle will be on the scholarship committee. Dianne would like to offer a GCAOSA workshop package scholarship for all first year teachers. The deadline for the summer training scholarship is at the end of January.
- G. Hospitality** – Ben Schneider and Theresa McKnight will be ready for February 5th.
- H. Video/Website/ Communications** – Rob Bethune stated that a couple people have ordered videos, but is concerned that not everyone is aware of the video library. Clinton suggested that we could show a video from the library at the chapter share. Clinton offered his copy machine at school to scan all past chapter notes into .pdf files. Dale Poling was not present and he had nothing to report.
- I. Boutique** – Melanie stated that the boutique has a good inventory prepared for the February 5th workshop.
- J. West Music** – Dawn Bruestle was not present, but did not have concerns to report. Doug said that the paperwork takes a lot of time during workshops so that Dawn misses a great deal of the session. It was discussed that other people could help her out with paperwork. It was also suggested that the West Music booth be moved to a spot where Dawn could see the session presenter while she works.
- K. OMEA/GCAOSA** – At the 2011 OMEA conference, there are seven sessions scheduled that represent collaboration between OMEA and GCAOSA. In addition, there are many other general music sessions offered at OMEA. One of the benefits of partnering with OMEA was to have information regarding the GCAOSA mini-conference printed in the Triad magazine. Conveniently, the upcoming OMEA Triad issue has an entire page devoted to GCAOSA and it was free.

- L. National AOSA Conference** – Ten people from GCAOSA attended the 2010 Spokane conference. Next year the conference will be in Pittsburgh and Lissa Ray will be presenting.

5. OLD BUSINESS

- A. Honorary Life Membership** –Michael has an honorary life nomination pending.
- B. By-Laws Updating** – The committee consists of Lissa Ray, Michael Merry, and John Crandall.

6. NEW BUSINESS

- A. Next board meeting will be on March 5th 2:00 p.m. at Ruby Tuesdays. Lissa suggested having a scholarship committee or by-laws committee meeting in February.**
- B. Announcements**
 - A. Dianne Kronour just had new grandbaby twins born.
 - B. Lois Baratko recently had knee surgery that has had some complications.
 - C. Dawn and Doug will be grandparents for the first time in June.
- C. Lissa commented that part of GCAOSA's success can be attributed to our solid board members. We have a board of committed people who have great ideas and consistently do their jobs.

7. MEETING ADJOURNED

- A. Lissa Ray motioned to adjourn at 3:40 PM. Dianne Kronour seconded. Motion carried.