

GREATER CINCINNATI CHAPTER AOSA
Board Meeting Minutes
October 16, 2010

1. President Michael Merry called the meeting to order at 2:21 p.m., preceding lunch at Ruby Tuesdays. Michael introduced new board members Theresa McKnight and Becky Cornett.
2. Members present were Michael Merry, Dawn Bruestle, Corrie Graham, Lissa Ray, Melanie Sherby, Benny Schneider, Theresa McKnight, Clinton Wright, Kay Edwards, Becky Cornett, Lois Baratko, Tracey Book.
3. Lois Baratko moved to accept the minutes from the May 27, 2010 meeting. Clinton Wright seconded. Motion carried.

4. COMMITTEE REPORTS

A. Treasurer –

1. Report – Dianne Kronour was not present to report.
2. Endowment – Becky Cornett stated that the chapter received three recent donations to the endowment fund. The donations totaled \$150. Thank you notes will be sent to the donors.
3. Mini Conference –
 - a. Financial report is attached. Total income from the conference was \$6,700.78. Chapter expenses totaled \$5,195.22. The boutique sold \$1,300 of merchandise. West Music sales totaled \$1,718.56 and approximately \$343.70 of that money will go to GCAOSA. In total, GCAOSA earned \$1,505.56 in profit from the conference.
 - b. Miami allowed the chapter to use all of the rooms free of cost. To thank Miami University for their hospitality GCAOSA spent \$325 to purchase Miami a soprano xylophone and two pairs of finger cymbals.
 - c. Michael Merry would like to reserve \$300 of the conference profit for copying costs for OMEA materials. The materials include the conference notes of the three GCAOSA presenters and a brochure advertising the four Ohio Orff chapters.

B. Newsletter Editor – Julia Bethune was not present to report. However, Michael Merry commended her for an excellent beginning of the year newsletter. The newsletter was sent out before the mini-conference. A special edition newsletter was then sent out after the mini-conference that included more information. Lissa Ray suggested having an early January board meeting so that we can discuss what needs to be included in the next newsletter.

C. Program –

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

Michael congratulated Lissa on her acceptance as a member at large.

D. Membership – Corrie Graham reported that 61 people registered on-line for the October workshop and 15 of those people did not show up. In total, 83 people attended the October 16th workshop. Only four or five people paid for Option D, just one workshop. There have only been three new members join the chapter thus far in the 2010-2011 school year.

E. College Liaison – Kay Edwards was thrilled to report that ten people signed up for Miami credit.

F. Scholarship – Lissa Ray congratulated Tracey Book for receiving the conference scholarship. Since registration fees have increased from \$250 to \$279 for the national conference, Lissa suggested rewriting the scholarship bylaws to cover all registration fees, instead of specifically \$250. Lissa said we will be starting a third scholarship to pay for a year's workshop package. The scholarship committee will work on writing criteria for who will be eligible for that scholarship so that it will be ready for next year. It was suggested that perhaps first year teachers will be eligible. Becky Cornett suggested making it a scholarship for teachers who teach in an urban setting. Lissa stated that a committee will be organized and a proposal will be brought to the board in the future.

G. Hospitality – Ben Schneider thanked Theresa McKnight for accepting the co-chair hospitality position. They are going to try new food items for future workshops. Ben also thanked Clinton Wright for helping clean up after the October 16th workshop. Also, Deedee Hamlin volunteered to help with hospitality in the future. Ben also thanked Lissa Ray for the table decorations. Ben said that they spent \$100 on food at the October workshop. Michael shared that other chapters put a basket out for donations to cover hospitality costs. The board will bring food for the April Chapter Sharing workshop.

H. Video/Website/ Communications– Dale Poling was not present to report. However, Michael shared that he has been working really hard to send out communication regarding the mini-conference and the October workshop.

I. Boutique – At the October 16th workshop, the boutique made about \$1200. \$800 was turned in to the chapter, \$400 was used to reimburse

Nancy for supplies, and \$40 was used to cover other supplies. Judy Schneider donated many materials for the boutique to sell.

- J. Mini Conference Final** – Michael Merry passed out a summary of survey comments regarding the mini conference. They were diverse in nature. Approximately 50% of attendees submitted surveys. Connie McHale sent a thank you note and a \$50 check for the endowment fund. Lissa thanked Lois Baratko and the committee for getting all the honorary life members together for the luncheon.
- K. OMEA/GCAOSA** – GCAOSA submitted six presentations from three people for the OMEA conference. OMEA picked all six recommendations. Also, Corrie Graham will be presenting. In addition, Doug Bruestle and Kay Edwards will be assisting Dr. Albin with a session. The collaboration between OMEA and GCAOSA is only a year commitment. Clinton Wright went to the mini general music workshop on October 15th. Roger Sams and Sarah Hassler both presented. Clinton was concerned that there was no Orff information present at the workshop. He suggested that in the future, we need to be proactive in providing information for the OMEA mini-conference.
- L. West Music Bookstore** – After the mini-conference, it was decided that the chapter would keep the materials that were not sold to try to re-sell at the October 16th workshop. Dawn estimated that \$500 worth of materials was sold on October 16th. She has two boxes to send back to West.

5. OLD BUSINESS

A. Honorary Life Membership –

- A. What are the qualifications for honorary life membership?
 - 1. Michael passed out a paper with some ideas about the qualifications.
 - 2. A chapter member sent Michael an e-mail regarding a concern about retired members. This person would like to lower the cost of chapter membership for retired teachers. Corrie stated that national AOSA has a retired teacher cost. Since it is a GCAOSA requirement to be a national member, and we cannot lower the cost of the national dues, the chapter **will not** be able to lower the cost of chapter membership for retired teachers as much as this inquiring chapter member would like.
- B. ADDENDUM: The board unanimously voted to accept Lissa Ray as a member at large in a summer e-mail.

6. NEW BUSINESS

A. By-Laws Update

- A. They were last updated in 1995. Lissa Ray suggested that it is time to again update the GCAOSA by-laws. The presidents and past-presidents would be most knowledgeable about guiding the changes. Michael suggested that Lissa, himself, and other past-presidents (Dawn Bruestle, perhaps Lois Baratko, John Crandall, Leslie Hicks) form a committee to revise the by-laws.

7. OTHER

- A. January Winter Board Meeting Date/Place
 - A. Michael suggested January 8th at 1:00 PM. Corrie Graham volunteered her house in Loveland.
- B. Meeting on Feb. 5, March. 5 or April 16
 - A. Meeting will be on March 5th at Ruby Tuesdays.
- C. Announcements
 - A. Region VI rep – Lissa commented on how much she loves GCAOSA. In her opinion, our chapter is very successful compared to other chapters throughout the country. The struggling economy has presented issues for many other chapters. University AOSA chapters are in the process of being developed.
 - B. The board discussed professional development/contact hour sheets for GCAOSA workshops. It was decided that the professional development slips should say 4.5 contact hours for people who attend a workshop in its entirety.
 - C. Clinton stated that there is going to be an Advisory Committee to rewrite the ODE fine arts standards. He suggested that we provide feedback on the ODE website regarding the standards.

8. MEETING ADJOURNED

- A. Michael Merry motioned to adjourn at 3:41 PM. Corrie Graham seconded. Motion carried.