

GREATER CINCINNATI CHAPTER AOSA
Board Meeting Minutes
February 4, 2012

1. President Michael Merry called the meeting to order at 2:50 p.m., following lunch at Dianne Kronour's house.
2. Members present were Michael Merry, Corrie Graham, Dale Poling, Leslie Hicks, Kay Edwards, Amy Enloe, Clinton Wright, Lissa Ray, Melanie Sherby, Clinton Wright, Becky Cornett, Julia Bethune, Rob Bethune, Tracey Book, Dianne Kronour, Lois Baratko, Lorrie Hager.
3. Leslie Hicks moved to accept the minutes from the October 15, 2011 meeting. Julia Bethune seconded. Motion carried.

4. COMMITTEE REPORTS

A. **President's Report** – Michael mentioned that it will not be necessary to have a full board meeting in March. Any matters for the board can be addressed immediately after the March 3rd workshop.

B. **Treasurer** –

1. **Report** – The report is attached. Dianne explained that it is difficult to compare the total assets in December, 2011 and December, 2010. This is because the 2010-2011 workshop schedule was different with the mini-conference.

Dianne thanked the ladies who work at the boutique, because they bring in such a great deal of money to the chapter.

Dianne would like the GCCAOSA expenses and income to match up. Unfortunately, right now they do not match up.

At this time GCCAOSA is not being charged a facilities usage fee to have workshops at South Lebanon Elementary. We only pay a custodian fee. This is most likely going to change next year. Next year we will have to pay an additional \$1400 to use the facilities. We will need to be fiscally prudent about our finances to cover this added expense. It was discussed that we may need to consider changing facilities. It was also suggested that perhaps we raise the local GCCAOSA dues. It was also suggested that we could advertise to members that donations would be welcome to offset facilities costs. We will need to revisit this issue at a future meeting.

Under balances, we have three investment lines. Income fund of America is our endowment fund. Franklin Fund is our expendable monies that can be used for anything. Pimko Bond Fund can also be used at any time.

2. Endowment Chair - Becky encouraged board members to donate a small amount to the fund. Several members reached into their wallets and passed Becky some money.
- C. **Elections Results** – The constitution and revised by-laws are now approved and in place.
- D. **Newsletter Editor** – Michael Merry thanked Julia for the newsletter. Julia Bethune encouraged people to send her clip-art or suggestions for future newsletters.
- E. **Program Chair** – See attached sheet.
March 3, 2012 - Joyce Stephansky

September 22, 2012 – J. Harding
October 20, 2012 – A. Steen
February 9, 2013 – Chapter Sharing
March 9, 2013 – A. Steen

September 21, 2013 – Amidons
October 11, 2013 – S. Hassler
February 8, 2014 – B. Hepburn
March 8, 2014 – A. Beegle

Arvida Steen will meet with a small group on a curriculum project, in addition to her scheduled workshops. It might be possible to earn a credit at Miami for participating in the curriculum project. We will need to advertise this to members this summer and fall.

- F. **Membership** – Corrie reported that GCCAOSA currently has 81 members. The membership numbers are down from 90 + members in previous years. It was discussed that perhaps we need to have a membership campaign to increase our numbers. It was suggested that every music teacher in the area could be e-mailed with information about Cincinnati membership.

National AOSA is changing the way they are doing their membership. They are going to a rotating membership; you can be a member from any one day until that same date next year. Corrie is concerned this will make it much more difficult for the membership chair to coordinate dues. Lissa will look into this issue at the national level.

Michael suggested that if we had our workshop videos on-line, people from around the world could become members and view them. Dale mentioned that it might be easier to have a webcast available of the workshops than to upload a full video.

- G. **College Liaison** – Since five people are taking the workshops for credit through Miami University, GCCAOSA will earn approximately \$750 this

year.

- H. **Scholarship** – There is one applicant for the teacher training scholarship for Summer, 2012. The scholarship committee will meet after the board meeting to further discuss scholarships.

In some other chapters, first year music teachers can earn a year-long workshop package for free. Since this is a marketing technique, Dianne is not concerned about losing money with this scholarship. This could be advertised through local colleges and school district superintendents. Perhaps there could also be a mentor relationship between a member-at-large of the GCCAOSA and the first year music teacher. This mentor could encourage these new teachers to pay to join their second year of teaching. These first year teachers could not officially be called members in end of year reports, but they could be called scholarship recipients.

- I. **Hospitality** – Ben Schneider was not present to report. It was suggested to put out a basket for donations at the food table. After much discussion, it was decided that we will table this issue for a while.

It was discussed that we will have a \$1 raffle at the March 3rd workshop. This money will go towards the GCCAOSA operating fund. The prize will be tickets to the CSO. Corrie Graham moved to enact the raffle. Clinton Wright seconded. Motion carried.

- J. **Video Librarian** – Rob has been organizing the videos according to dates and presenters. The library has recently earned \$8.00.

- K. **Videographer/Communications** – In October we mentioned the need for a back-up plan videographer in case Dale cannot attend a workshop. It was suggested that John Crandall could operate Lissa's camera in the future, if necessary.

- L. **Web master** – John asked people to let him know if there are any suggestions of things to put on the website, including pictures. It was mentioned that we need a sign on the door of the workshop facility, saying that "your presence at the workshop gives GCCAOSA permission to use your image in videos and on the website." Dale volunteered to create this sign.

It was mentioned that the board needs to have a back-up plan in case Dale's computer crashes. He has a great deal of essential information that we would not want to lose.

- M. **Boutique** – The boutique made almost \$500 at the workshop on February 4th.

- N. **Facilities Liaison** – It was suggested that board members write thank you notes to Melanie's principal for allowing us to use the facilities. His e-

mail address is rwillis@kingslocal.net.

- O. West Music** – Dawn Bruestle was not present to report. Dawn decided to limit what was going to be sold at the February 4th workshop to Rob Amchin's publication. Approximately half of Rob's books were sold.
- P. Members at Large (currently 5)** – Amy Enloe has been appointed by Michael Merry as our newest member at large. Chelsea Scheatman, Tim Fuchtman, and Bethany Haman were suggested as possible members at large for the future.

5. OLD BUSINESS

- A. Pittsburgh Conference** – Michael reported the Pittsburgh conference was well attended. We had at least 25 GCCAOSA members present in Pittsburgh.
- B. AOSA letters received:** Thanks for three donations and Chapter Workshop Grant. The TAP fund donation was made in memory of Amy Grome. This information was printed in the National AOSA conference packet. It was discussed that we could send her husband this printed paper.
- C. Slide show of announcements at workshops** – Lissa made a slide show for the February 4th workshop. The slide show cut down on the amount of time typically required for announcements. It was decided that this is something we should continue in the future.

6. NEW BUSINESS

- A. Nominations for president-elect, treasurer, membership and editor**
 - Dale Poling nominated Corrie Graham for president-elect, Lesslie Hicks for treasurer, Ligaya Deleon-Bauman for membership, and Julia Bethune for newsletter editor. Becky Cornett seconded. Motion passed.
- B. Workshop evaluation summaries and use of Survey Monkey**
 - Survey monkey is a free on-line tool for evaluations
 - Board members expressed concerns that survey monkey will yield much fewer evaluations turned in from attendees.
- C. The board meeting on March 3rd is not necessary.**
- D. Announcements**

7. MEETING ADJOURNED

- A. Michael Merry** motioned to adjourn at 5:00PM. Corrie Graham seconded. Motion carried.