

**GREATER CINCINNATI CHAPTER AOSA**  
**Board Meeting Minutes**  
**March 20, 2010**

1. President John Crandall called the meeting to order at 2:50 p.m., after lunch at Ruby Tuesdays.
2. Members present were Dianne Kronour, John Crandall, Corrie Graham, Clinton Wright, Michael Merry, Julia Bethune, Lois Baratko, Mary Ellen Haynes, Dale Poling, Rob Bethune, and Tracey Book.
3. Mary Ellen Haynes moved to accept the minutes from the January, 2010 meeting. Corrie Graham seconded. Motion carried.

**4. COMMITTEE REPORTS**

- A. Treasurer** – Dianne Kronour had nothing to report; all is well.
- B. Editor** – Sarah McCoy was not present to report. Julia Bethune agreed to accept the position as new editor.
- C. Program** – Clinton Wright reported that Columbus is interested in having Arvida Steen present a workshop in 2011-2012. They would like to team up with Cincinnati to bring her to the area.

Workshops for 2010 and beyond...

- September 24-25, 2010: All Ohio Conference (Kay Lehto, Sandy Stauffer and others)
- October 16, 2010: Deanna Stark
- February 5, 2011: John Crandall
- March 5, 2011: TBD
- April 16, 2011: Chapter Sharing
- October 15, 2011: Kris Olson

- D. Membership** – Corrie Graham reported that at the February, 2010 workshop a non-chapter member paid for one \$40 workshop and wanted to bring a guest. The right to bring a guest is reserved for yearly members. Corrie explained the rules and everything was worked out.

Corrie raised the issue of arranging reciprocity with other AOSA chapters in Ohio. John e-mailed all Ohio chapter presidents to see if they are interested in a reciprocity agreement. Kentucky and Indianapolis chapters may also be considered. It was suggested that if members have already paid national dues, then they could get a discount on other chapter workshops in the area. Dale worried that other chapters who are struggling financially might not be interested. Clinton suggested that it would be nice to coordinate program times so that not all chapters would schedule workshops on the same weekend. Dianne recommended that at

the least the Cincinnati chapter could give members of another chapter a lower rate. Since the Cincinnati chapter is currently so well off financially, we could afford to give that discount. Michael said that good criteria for the discount would be if the seeking person is a member of another chapter and has purchased their year long workshop package. Dale was concerned that it would be difficult to prove membership. Tracey suggested they could bring a receipt from their membership chair.

After discussion, we decided to table the issue until John hears back from other presidents.

**E. College Credit** – Kay Edwards was not present to report.

**F. Scholarship** – Lisa Berry was not present to report. She has decided to step down and Lissa Ray has volunteered to take over. Lissa was wondering whether or not anyone would have a problem with her serving as program chair and scholarship chair. Dianne suggested opening up the scholarship committee to others, so that new people can be introduced to the board. Becky Cornett's name was suggested as a possible co-chair. John said he would contact Heather Hutchinson about becoming a possible member-at-large on the board.

**G. Hospitality** – John thanked everyone for helping out with hospitality. Everything is running smoothly with hospitality.

**H. Video/Website** – Corrie announced that she has started converting old videotapes to DVDs. Corrie wanted to verify that she is allowed to purchase DVD's and supplies. Everyone agreed that was previously agreed on so she is permitted.

On the Cincinnati AOSA Chapter website there will be an information link about the Ohio mini-conference starting May 1<sup>st</sup>. However, registration will not open until August. People who attend will pay at the conference, not on-line.

**I. Boutique** – Dianne reported that the boutique made quite a bit of money at March's workshop. They have a lot of work ahead of them for the Miami Levels, Ohio Mini-Conference, and Cincinnati October workshop.

The West bookstore sold more products at the September and October workshops than the February and March ones. The board will decide how often to bring in West Music next year at the June meeting.

**J. 2010 All Ohio Conference Update** – A page has been submitted regarding the Conference and will appear in *Triad* in late April/early May. The agreement with OMEA was signed and approved. The conference

will also appear in the next *Reverberations*. Michael announced that the budget is developing and looking acceptable.

There is a lunch included in the price of the conference for attendees. Due to construction at Miami, the location of the lunch is going to have to be changed from the Heritage Room. Kay is working on a new location.

At the Miami lunch, the board will invite honorary lifetime members and recognize them for their contributions. The luncheon will be in their honor. Lois has decided to help identify the list of honorary lifetime members and send out invitations.

## 5. OLD BUSINESS

- A. **Report from AOSA National Conference in Milwaukee, November 2009** – John shared a few things from the advisory board meeting at National Conference. In some chapters, current members provide gift memberships for new members. The new member will then only be required to pay half the price for membership. One Levels teacher pays the first year membership for any first year teacher who takes the Levels course.

Raffles have been going well. In January, the board noticed more people staying for the entire workshop time due to the raffle. Corrie said only about five people turned in their name tags early in March. This is a big improvement from past years. Dianne suggested that the winner from the past workshop should pull the name at the next workshop.

Dianne said other chapters allow school districts to buy a combined workshop package, so districts can pay with their in-service money.

Clinton suggested sending invitations to administrators for the first workshop of year. John said that we could allow them to come for free. Dianne suggested we could also send them some free guest passes, so that the administrators could be in charge of bringing in their music teachers. Dale said we could stress that teachers can receive credit hours and CEUs through these workshops.

## 6. NEW BUSINESS

- A. **Election Results** – All four officers on the ballot were filled. Doug Bruestle – president-elect; Dianne Kronour – treasurer; Corrie Graham – membership; Julia Bethune – newsletter editor.
- B. **Open board position(s): Scholarship Chair, others?** – John will contact Becky Cornett about the Scholarship Committee and Heather Hutchinson about being a member-at-large.

- C. **Music Education/Orff best practices videos** – Carolyn Eagen suggested that teachers from the chapter could make best practice videos about how to teach a song or lesson. Then they could upload them to youtube or teachertube so that new teachers could watch the video. Dale said that there is a program on iTunes where teachers can upload videos as well. Teachers would have to incorporate public domain material, so as not to break copyright. We would not have to do this as a chapter, but we could open it up to experienced members. Dale has volunteered to videotape the presentations. We would want to avoid any sub-quality submissions.
- D. **Set date and location for May/June board meeting** – Mary Ellen is offering her house for this meeting and John will send out an e-mail to determine the date.
- E. **Information needed for Annual Report** – Corrie and Dianne will take care of it.

## 7. **OTHER**

- A. Congratulations to Lissa Ray, our new Region VI Rep!
- B. On February 20, Michael Merry made a motion that there will only be one scholarship 2010 Levels scholarship awarded. In 2010, there will be one Levels scholarship, one presidential scholarship, and one national scholarship. After discussion, Kay Edwards seconded the motion. We will revisit this scholarship issue in June to make a plan for 2011 scholarships. Motion passed.
- C. Michael would like to discuss criteria for honorary life membership in June.
- D. At the last meeting, three people were designated as a committee to recommend presenters for the 2011 OMEA conference. They have been meeting and selecting people who they would like to invite.
- E. Anyone who is a GCAOSA member does not have to join OMEA to attend the 2011 conference. All they have to do is pay the registration fee, not the yearly OMEA dues. When members attend the OMEA conference, GCAOSA members will pay the early bird discount fee, regardless of when they register. Members will be sent a verification form to show at the conference. We will let members know about this perk in the near future.

## 8. **MEETING ADJOURNED**

- A. Clinton Wright motioned to adjourn at 3:55 p.m. Julie Bethune seconded. Motion carried.