

GREATER CINCINNATI CHAPTER AOSA

Board Meeting Minutes

March 5, 2011

1. President Michael Merry called the meeting to order at 2:20 p.m., preceded by lunch at Ruby Tuesday's.
2. Members present were Michael Merry, Melanie Sherby, Julia Abanto-Bethune, Rob Bethune, Dale Poling, Lois Baratko, Theresa McKnight, Laurie Hager, John Crandall Corrie Graham, Dawn Bruestle, Lissa Ray, Leslie Hicks, Ben Schneider, and Becky Cornett
3. Julia Abanto-Bethune moved to accept the minutes from the January 8, 2011 meeting. Corrie Graham seconded the motion. Motion carried.
4. COMMITTEE REPORTS
 - a. Treasurer – No treasurer's report was submitted at this meeting as is customary.
 - b. Endowment Chair – No additional contributions have been made to the endowment. A standard letter is being designed which will be used to acknowledge individuals when contributions are made in their honor.
 - c. Election and Slate – The three office positions that are open are Secretary - currently filled by Tracey Book, Program Chair - currently held by Lissa Ray, and Hospitality - currently co- chaired by Ben Schneider and Theresa McKnight. All four individuals have expressed interest in remaining in their current roles. In addition, Michael recommended that we appoint Amy Enloe as a member at-large. This slate will be presented to the general membership for a vote at the April meeting.
 - d. Newsletter Editor – Michael complimented Julia on all of the new additions she has added to our newsletter which recently was sent to our membership. The next

newsletter will go out at the beginning of the next school year.

- e. Program – Lissa acknowledged what a great presenter David Connors was at today's workshop and reminded us that the workshop on April 16th is a chapter sharing. The structure for the chapter sharing will be 3 sessions. For the first part of the workshop, half the group will go to Melanie's classroom and have a presentation using electronic boards led by Ben Schneider and the other half will participate in an Orff Volume reading session under the leadership of Clinton Wright. For the second half of the workshop, we will have a performance by Mallett Madness, a percussion ensemble from Loveland Elementary. Michelle Henn will follow the performance by sharing her experience and knowledge for individuals who are interested in starting a percussion ensemble at their school.
- Lissa shared the speakers who have been booked for future workshops. Anne Fennell will be presenting an Arts Integration workshop September 15, 2011. Kris Olson will be presenting an October 15th workshop entitled Movement in the Orff Classroom. For the following year, we have James Harding presenting Elemental Adventures on September 22, 2012 and Peter and Mary Alice Amidon are booked to kick off the 2013 school year on September 21st.
- Lissa presented a new program idea for next year and asked for feedback from the board. The idea is to have one presenter offer several workshops in one year and have teachers be able to work with the clinician throughout the year. The presenter that Lissa has been in discussion with is Arvida Steen, author of Exploring Orff. Lissa is thinking that there would be sessions for

individuals who are taking the workshops for credit, separate from the workshops presented to the general membership. In addition, there would be assignments due to Arvida throughout the school year. The board supported Lissa in her desire to pursue a new workshop structure.

- f. Membership – There were an estimated 60 teacher and students in attendance today. We had several people attend, paying the one time workshop fee. It was recommended that we follow up with these individuals in order to get them to become fulltime members next year. There was a discussion that the mini conference at Miami U. may have lowered the number of teachers who joined the chapter as yearlong members. We believe that the decrease in membership observed this year will correct itself next year and we should return to our regular membership numbers.
- g. College Liason – Kay was not present but submitted her report to Michael in advance. In it she indicated that we have ten college students participating in workshops.
- h. Scholarship – Lissa reported that the deadline has passed for summer workshop training and there were no applicants. The deadline to apply for scholarship money to attend the National Conference in Pittsburgh is June 30th. Lissa assured the board that the scholarship committee maintains confidentiality of applicants. In addition, the committee is working on a new scholarship package which will cover the annual workshop fee. Currently they are discussing eligibility requirements for who will be eligible for this scholarship package.
- i. Hospitality – Ben mentioned that he and Teresa will conduct a survey to see if there are any additional food items that people would like at the workshops. He

reminded board members that historically the board members provide the food at the Chapter Sharing meeting scheduled in April and that he and Teresa will be providing the beverages.

- j. Video/Website/Communication – Dale is in need of new software to support the chapter needs. The board gave Dale approval to go ahead to purchase what he requires.
- k. Video Librarian – Rob reported that the video library has made \$13.
- l. Boutique – Laurie reported that the boutique made \$517.25, of which \$387.25 will be deposited; the remaining \$130 will be kept for future expenses. The Pittsburgh conference has requested that we make a donation from our boutique of which 50% goes to the national organization and 50% goes to the Pittsburgh chapter. We concluded that we should donate \$150 in merchandise and \$150 in a gift basket for the raffle. We also empowered Laurie to discuss an arrangement that would allow our boutique to sell merchandise at the national convention and share the proceeds with the Pittsburgh chapter.
- m. West Music – Reported that they did not have much in sales at this workshop. They found that they sold more items at the workshops in the beginning of the year and less merchandise at the workshops later in the school year.
- n. New Business – We tabled the discussion about the Ohio Arts Alliance until the May meeting. Michael announced to be on the lookout for the upcoming Reverberations publication in which a photo and article will be printed.

5. Meeting adjourned at 3:38.

The next meeting is May 31st at the home of Mary Ellen Hayne