

GREATER CINCINNATI CHAPTER AOSA
Board Meeting Minutes
May 31, 2011

- I. President Michael Merry called the meeting to order at 6:35 p.m., following dinner at Mary Ellen Haynes' house.
- II. Members present were Michael Merry, Dale Poling, Leslie Hicks, Dawn Bruestle, Kay Edwards, Mary Ellen Haynes, Lois Baratko, Doug Bruestle, Corrie Graham, Lissa Ray, Melanie Sherby, Becky Cornett, Lorrie Hagar, Tracey Book.

Doug Bruestle moved to accept the minutes as corrected from the March 5, 2011 meeting. Kay Edwards seconded. Motion carried.

III. COMMITTEE REPORTS

A. Treasurer –

1. Report – see attached sheet. Membership dues and fees are lower than last year. It was discussed that the difficult economic times and the fact that jobs are being readily cut is contributing to the lower member numbers. In addition, the mini-conference could have impacted the declining membership numbers as well. Michael and Corrie plan to send a letter to previous members to encourage them to rejoin the chapter. Doug commented that the total chapter assets are still acceptable and that we should not be too concerned unless the issue of low membership becomes a recurring pattern. Leslie Hicks motioned to accept the treasurer's report. Lorrie Hagar seconded. Motion carried.

In the past, GCAOSA has consistently made three \$100 donations to AOSA scholarships, including the Gunild Keetman assistance fund, TAP fund, and Shields-Gillespie fund. Mary Ellen motioned to continue donating \$100 to each of the three AOSA funds and to not bring the subject up again unless there is a change in the amount. Dawn seconded the motion. Motion carried. Kay Edwards moved that the TAP fund money be given in memory of Amy Grome. Corrie Graham seconded. Motion carried. Lissa suggested that Amy's family be alerted that GCAOSA is making this donation.

2. Endowment Chair – no report.

B. Election Results – Tracey was accepted as secretary, Ben and Theresa were voted in as hospitality chairs, and Lissa returns as program director.

C. Newsletter Editor – Julia Bethune will be printing a newsletter in late summer. It will be out before the mid-September workshop.

D. Program –

- September 17, 2011: Anne Fennell
- October 15, 2011: Kris Olson
- February 4, 2011: Rob Amchin
- March 3, 2011: Joyce Stephansky
- September 22, 2012: J. Harding
- October 20, 2012: Arvida Steen
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- September 21, 2013: Amidons
- October 11, 2013: Sarah Hassler
- February 8, 2014: BethAnn Hepburn
- March. __, 2014: Amy Beegle

Michael Merry is applying for a \$400 AOSA grant to use towards the Arvida Steen workshop fees.

Anne Fennell is presenting on Arts Integration. Music teachers are encouraged to bring their art teacher friends along with them to the workshop.

Arvida Steen is going to have a general workshop for the entire GCAOSA population. Then she is going to work with a smaller population on curriculum writing.

The Chapter Sharing workshop in 2013 is going to be on the topic of advocacy and educating the community about the importance of music education.

Lissa would like to have a picnic for Amy Beegle and the board to introduce everyone and help Amy get to know the local educators.

- E. Membership –** Dale plans to send out an e-mail to remind people to join national AOSA before July 1st so that they pay the current price of national dues, instead of the extra \$10 that will go into effect after the 1st.

Corrie is confident that membership numbers will go up again in the 2011-2012 school year. GCAOSA had 72 members in 2010-2011, and 95 in 2009-2010. However, the number of students that attended workshops increased in 2010-2011 from the previous year.

- F. College Liaison –** In 2010-2011, ten students took the workshops for credit from Miami University. This was a big increase from the previous year. Kay hopes that this number will be maintained in 2011-2012.

- G. Scholarship** – There are one or two applicants for the summer scholarship. The deadline is June 30, 2011.
- H. Hospitality** – Ben Schneider and Theresa McKnight were not present to report. Michael was very pleased with this year's hospitality committee.
- I. Video Librarian** – Rob Bethune reported that the video library has produced \$13.00.
- J. Video/Website/Communications** – The board commended Dale for his diligent e-mails regarding job openings and upcoming events. John and Corrie plan to start working on updates for the GCAOSA website. Lissa is going to find out if AOSA plans to make a website template for all chapters to utilize. Lissa would like to have pictures added to the website.
- K. Boutique** – Lorrie reported that unless she hears otherwise, the boutique will be bringing \$150 worth of solfege charts to Pittsburgh, and nothing else.
- L. Facilities Liaison** – Melanie plans to book the facility for the 2011-2012 school year. The chapter is up to date with facility payments.
- M. West Music** – This past year GCAOSA made approximately \$500 in profit from West Music sales. The majority of that profit was made at the mini-conference and October workshop. Dawn likes that the table was moved so buyers can see the workshop space while browsing. Dawn suggested continuing with West Music sales, but would like the board to consider not having the materials available for the spring workshops. Sales are consistently down in the spring.
- N. Members at Large (currently 5)** – Amy Enloe has expressed interest in being a member-at large. Michael will contact her about becoming a member at large. Dianne would like to recommend inviting a teacher from CPS to be on the board.

IV. OLD BUSINESS

- a. **By-laws updating & constitution** – Lissa, John, and Michael will work on the by-laws. The by-laws require that the GCAOSA board has three board meetings a year. At this time, the board typically has four meetings a year. Michael suggested that a quorum be determined by the amount of elected officers present. He believes that 50% of board members are required to be in attendance to have a quorum. Michael and Lissa will consider this as they work on the by-laws. As Lissa looked through the by-laws, three yearly general membership meetings are required. It was suggested that we have brief meaningful announcements at upcoming workshops announcing what is going on in the chapter.

- b. **Rosie's instruments** – Lissa has Rosie's instruments in her garage and does not want to keep them forever. She would like help selling them on-line. Dawn also suggested using them as raffle items for the Pittsburgh conference. Dianne suggested sending out information about the instruments to the District IXV mailing list.

V. NEW BUSINESS

- a. **Ohio Alliance for Arts Education** – This advocacy group for arts education started in Cincinnati. It is currently based in Columbus. The president of OAAE wanted to know if GCAOSA would like to become a member of the organization. Small arts organization membership dues are \$100 a year. Michael thought it was something to consider as an organization. Doug mentioned that the group needs support to keep running. It was suggested that Donna Collins, OAAE staff member, might be a good speaker to present at our chapter sometime in the near future. Kay Edwards motioned to join OAAE for a year and to invite a representative to speak at the September, 2011 workshop. This decision will be reevaluated in a year. Mary Ellen seconded. Motion carried.

- b. **Next meeting October 15th after Olson workshop**

c. **Announcements**

- i. Thank you to Mary Ellen for hosting this meeting.
- ii. Michael thanked the board for all their support this year.
- iii. The Bruestles are anxiously awaiting the birth of their grandchild.

- d. **Pittsburgh** - at least ten people in the room raised their hand as interested in attending Pittsburgh.

VI. MEETING ADJOURNED

- a. Becky Cornett motioned to adjourn at 8:15 PM. Corrie Graham seconded. Motion carried.