

**GREATER CINCINNATI CHAPTER AOSA**  
**Board Meeting Minutes**  
**June 1, 2009**

1. President John Crandall called the meeting to order at 6:47 p.m., following a tasty carry-in picnic dinner at the home of MaryEllen Haynes.
2. Members present were John Crandall, Michael Merry, Dawn Bruestle, Lissa Ray, MaryEllen Haynes, Corrie Graham, Dianne Kronour, Ligaya del.son-Baumann, Melanie Sherby, Dale Poling, and Doug Bruestle.
3. Doug Bruestle moved to accept the minutes of the January 10, 2009 meeting. Michael Merry seconded. Motion carried.

**4. COMMITTEE REPORTS**

- A. **Treasurer** – Dianne Kronour reported lots of good news! (Report attached.) Dues are up, MU tuition is up, we received a \$400 grant from AOSA, and our income is approximately \$5000 above our expenses! The boutique's net income was more than enough needed to fund this year's scholarships, and there is approximately \$640 remaining for the endowment account. We did have a loss due to a decline in earnings from our mutual funds, but with the economy in its current state, this was understandable. There was no specific report on Endowment.
- B. **Editor** – Sarah McCoy was not able to attend tonight's meeting, but John anticipated that she will likely want to receive all information for the summer issue of the newsletter in late July or early August. She will probably send an email to the board re: specific deadline date.
- C. **Program** – Lissa Ray reported that the 2009-10 workshop season is set (see details on attached agenda). Lissa plans to meet with Tim Kloth to begin planning and selecting clinicians for the 2010-11 season. Lissa will also get the program chair notebook from Shelly Pemberton as soon as possible. One new idea that Lissa has is to provide each clinician with a "welcome bag" that will be at the front desk of the hotel at which he/she will be staying while in Cincinnati. Melanie Sherby reported that she will take care of the necessary paperwork with the school district so that we may continue to have our workshops at her school. There was discussion with regard to how the Ohio Mdm Conference (September 2010) will affect our chapter workshop season. Michael Merry clarified that the conference will not be included in our traditional workshop package, but will be separate; the intent is to still have 4 chapter workshops – one in October, with 3 to follow (one being a chapter sharing workshop).

- D. **Membership** – Corrie Graham reported that all is well. We had many college students attend this year's workshops, which was a boost. She will continue doing online registration, receipts, etc.

- E. **College Credit** – Kay Edwards was not present at tonight's meeting, but John Crandall reported that she will continue to handle workshop credit with Miami. There may be a few changes with the university since we have been working with them for 5 years now. Corrie Graham reported that she understands that Kay will be on sabbatical and out of town for a portion of the next school year; we may want to be sure to have some other person connected to Miami with whom we can communicate in her absence. Miami is offering two levels of Orff training this summer and has a nice number of registrants; Lissa Ray reported that, to her knowledge, this is the only levels training program being offered in the state of Ohio this summer.

- F. **Scholarship** – Lisa Berry was not present – no formal report given. Dale Poling reminded the board that applications for the AOSA Conference Scholarship are due by July 31<sup>st</sup>. It was announced that Ben Schneider and Theresa Arnold were the recipients of the scholarship for Orff Levels Training this year.

- G. **Hospitality** – Lissa Ray thanked all who helped her this year with hospitality, particularly Ligaya and Ben!

- H. **Video/Webpage** – Dale Poling asked the board for feedback about the website. Corrie Graham has offered assistance to Dale in updating the look of the website. Doug Bruestle reported that he has been scanning the workshop notes and saving them as pdf files for sending to members who borrow DVDs and videos, however some of the files are too large to send to some email servers. Corrie suggested a looking into free program to shrink the files to a more manageable size, while still being readable. The transfer of our current VHS library to DVD is still "in the works" – Corrie offered her assistance with this process as well. Dale also asked the board members to please update their bios for the website ASAP.

- I. **Boutique** – Lorrie Hager was not present – no formal report given. John Crandall reported that Region 6 has been asked to provide something for the national conference boutique, and that Lorrie will be putting together a basket of our boutique's "top sellers" to be put in the conference raffle.

J. 2010 Conference – Michael Merry reported that the logo has been completed – our theme is “A Taste Of Orit” and the logo will feature a school lunch tray. He and Kay Edwards are planning a “save the date” flyer to be distributed at our local workshops, AOSA national conference, OMEA conference, etc. They plan to do a mailing in January to chapters in Ohio and surrounding states, with a spring mailing to individuals. It was suggested that we do as much online mailing as possible to save the high costs of paper and USPS postage. Michael and Kay also plan to submit articles to *Reverberations* and *The Triad* this year. The board was reminded that the dates for the conference at September 24-25, 2010.

#### 5. OLD BUSINESS - There was no old business

#### 6. NEW BUSINESS

A. Congratulations to our new board members: Lissa Ray is a new Program Co-Chair, Ben Schneider and Ligaya del-eon-Baumann are our new Hospitality Co-Chairs, and Tracey Book is our new Secretary. We also have a new Member-At-Large, Julia Bethune. Shelly Pembleton will continue to serve on our board as a Member-At-Large. It was suggested that we contact Heather Hutchinson and Clinton Wright to also serve as Members-At-Large. John will get in touch with both of them.

B. Chapter Credit Card for frequent flyer miles – The board decided that this was not something to consider at this time.

C. Reception for Miami Levels students – We will definitely do this as we did last year. Dianne Kronour will get in touch with Kay Edwards to decide upon a specific date and time (the course is scheduled for the first 2 weeks in August)

D. Recorder Keeper needed – Lisa Berry has asked that we find someone else to handle the responsibility of bringing the recorders to workshops and cleaning them afterwards. John Crandall has volunteered to handle this for the time being.

E. Recognition of Judy Schneider’s 15 years of service as Secretary – The board felt that we should do something special for Judy, who has served us so well and so generously with her time! MaryEllen Haynes moved that we purchase a \$50 gift certificate for the Hotbrahouse in Newport K.Y., knowing that Judy and her husband would love to spend an evening there. Michael Merry seconded – motion carried. Ligaya del-eon-Baumann volunteered to make the purchase. We will present our gift to Judy at the September workshop.

#### 7. ANNOUNCEMENTS – There were no announcements.

Corrie Graham moved to adjourn the meeting - Ligaya del-eon-Baumann seconded and motion carried. The meeting was adjourned at 8:10 p.m., with many thanks to MaryEllen for her hospitality.

Respectfully submitted,

Dawn Bruestle, Past President (in the absence of the secretary)