

**SGREATER CINCINNATI CHAPTER AOSA**  
**Board Meeting Minutes**  
**September 19, 2009**

1. President John Crandall called the meeting to order at 2:43 p.m., following a lunch at Ruby Tuesdays.
2. Members present were John Crandall, Dale Poling, Corrie Graham, Julia Bethune, Diane Kronour, Sarah McCoy, Helen Tormey, Michael Merry, Tim Kloth, Lois Baratko, Melanie Sherby, Lorrie Hager, Lisa Berry, and Tracey Book.
3. Tm Kloth moved to accept the minutes from the June 1, 2009 meeting. Corrie Graham seconded. Motion carried.

**4. COMMITTEE REPORTS**

A. **Treasurer** – Diane Kronour reported no updates. Diane stated that we continue to be in good shape financially as a chapter and that finances are basically the same as they were in June, 2009.

B. **Editor** – Sarah McCoy reported that there will be no updates until January.

C. **Program** – It was announced that Artie Almeida greatly appreciated the “goody bag” that Lissa Ray presented to her upon her arrival. The Orff mini-conference is set for September 24 – 25, 2010. The Greater Cincinnati Chapter will hold four workshops in addition to the mini conference during the 2010-2011 school year. The presenter for the October, 2010 workshop will be Deanna Stark. November 3-6, 2010 will be the National Conference in Spokane, Washington. Concerns were raised about the best dates for the other three remaining Cincinnati workshops. Due to poor winter weather, Spring Breaks, and other holidays, much discussion was generated about the best dates to select. The consensus was that the Cincinnati chapter will hold workshops in late January, early March, and early April (possibly April 9) in 2011. The March workshop will be a chapter share.

It was also stated that the chapter does not pay for facilities if the school cancels events due to poor weather.

D. **Membership** – Corrie Graham reported that 109 people were present for Artie Almeida’s workshop on September 19, 2009. The new on-line registration forms seemed to work very well. Corrie received 73 on-line registrations. Diane Kronour shared that she liked the blue guest passes that were available.

E. **College** – Kay Edwards was not present to report. However four people are taking the workshops for credit.

- F. **Scholarship** – Lisa reports that all is well. Betty Bothwell received the first ever awarded scholarship for National Conference. Betty was the only applicant for the scholarship.
- G. **Hospitality** – Three Kroger runs were required to purchase more food for the September 19 workshop. Ben Schneider would like to see if the chapter can get a Costco or Sam's membership to buy food in bulk. The question was raised if the chapter could purchase a membership for \$35 or if there is a non-profit organization membership price.
- H. **Video/Website** – Dale Poling reported that the chapter could save \$100 if we choose to renew our website contract with GoDaddy at the present time. The contract currently expires in 2012. Renewing the contract in 2012 would cost \$415, but if it is renewed now it would cost \$315. Dale is unsure when that discount will expire. Renewing would extend the contract an additional five years which would last through 2017. Diane Kronour stated that since the chapter has the money we should renew the contract. Corrie Graham moved to extend the contract with GoDaddy through 2017. Lois Baratko seconded. Motion carried.  
The Cinci Orff domain name expires in 2016.  
Dale mentioned that we have the possibility to set up e-mail accounts for all board members. We currently use three e-mail accounts for membership, chapter, and resident. He also stated that we have the ability to play videos on the website.
- I. **Boutique** – Lorrie Hager reported the boutique made record sales at the September 19, 2009 workshop of \$1,723.75. Artie Almeida purchased a great deal of materials. The majority of the money was given to Diane Kronour because it was in checks.  
The boutique will be donating a listening basket to the AOSA National Conference silent auction. The basket has a \$75 value and includes various listening kits. The basket will be given to John to take to the conference.  
The boutique sold \$600 worth of merchandise at the Miami Levels' reception. Lorrie and Melanie thanked Lissa Ray and MaryEllen Haynes for their support. Each participant in the levels courses received a gift from the boutique including items such as a doorhanger with the upcoming Cincinnati Orff workshop schedule and a triangle holder.  
With business booming, the boutique would like to have crafty members help out with inventory in the future. It was suggested that there could be a teaching day where members could learn how to make the products. Melanie and Lorrie will e-mail members the time and location of their next work day.  
It was also suggested that members should be taught how to use some of the boutique kits at the next Chapter Share.

Congratulations to Melanie and Lorrie on their tenth anniversary of working together at the boutique.

- J. **2010 All Ohio Conference Update** – Michael Merry reported that business was the same as the minutes stated in June. Kay Edwards hopes to have “Save the Date” flyers out soon. E-mails regarding the mini-conference will come out around December. Kay Lehto will be the main presenter. The schedule is going together with the budget. The steering committee for the conference consists of John Crandall, Dawn Bruestle, Michael Merry, and Kay Edwards.

## 5. OLD BUSINESS

- A. **Reception for Levels students at Miami U.** – John Crandall thanked all the board members who attended the reception. There were 30 total participants in the Miami Level 1 and 2 courses. Some of the participants in the levels courses joined the Cincinnati chapter.
- B. **Recorder “keeper” needed** – Lisa Berry has been in charge of washing and storing the recorders between workshops for many years. She is concerned about the winter weather keeping her absent from a workshop and not having the recorders present for participants. Melanie Sherby volunteered to wash them and store them in her room at school. Melanie also shared that there are Orff-Schulwerk volumes in her room that belong to the chapter.
- C. **Recognition of Judy Schneider – 15 years as secretary** – The board presented her with a card in recognition of her service. Judy appreciated the recognition.
- D. **Clarification of Guest Pass procedures** – According to the current guest pass policy, each chapter member can bring one guest a year. People who are affiliated with colleges may have more guest passes each year. College students can come to one workshop a year for free each year they are a full-time student. Student memberships cost \$15 to attend all workshops. Corrie Graham reported that the majority of guests are college students. Dianne Kronour would like to give out more passes and would like to remove the guess pass limit. John Crandall will talk with other chapter presidents and see how guest passes are handled in other chapters.

## 6. NEW BUSINESS

- A. **Welcome to new board members** – Julia Bethune is a new member-at-large. Tracey Book is the new secretary. Tim Kloth is also going to be serving as member-at-large. Tim was hired by AOSA as the new membership communications coordinator. He now serves as the editor of *Reverberations* and proofreads *Orff Echo*. Since Tim has taken on this

new AOSA responsibility, Lissa Ray will be serving as program chair by herself.

B. **West Music Bookstore** – John Crandall reported that the chapter sold \$2,262 of material for West Music at the September 19 workshop. The Cincinnati chapter gets to keep 20% of sales. Therefore, sales generated a \$452 profit for the chapter, minus the cost to send remaining materials back. There are very few products to send back. The chapter did not receive any profit from Mannerinos. We were short 21 items that people requested and, as a result, West Music will be shipping that extra inventory to the October workshop. The chapter will generate even more profit from these additional sales. The board will decide in January if we want to continue to sell West Music materials at future workshops. A committee chair will be required if the board moves to continue to use West Music.

C. **Other New Business** – What should the chapter do with the extra money generated by West Music sales? Michael Merry suggested starting a fund for instrument grants.

It was very nice of Artie Almeida and Sonor to provide the gift of recorders and a glockenspiel to raffle off at the end of the workshop. Tracey Book volunteered to send a thank you card to the donor at Sonor. It was suggested that we raffle off a gift certificate to the boutique at the end of future workshops.

D. **AOSA National Conference in Milwaukee, November 11-14, 2009** – Dale Poling will send out information about a page on the national AOSA website that contains information about car-pooling and hotel rooms.

## 7. **OTHER**

A. No need for an October board meeting

B. John Crandall will send out an e-mail about a January board meeting date.

## 8. **MEETING ADJOURNED**

A. Dianne Kronour motioned to adjourn at 4:07 p.m. Lorrie Hager seconded. Motion carried.