

Oregon Area Business meeting Minutes

Quarterly Assembly

Sunday, May 18th, 2008

Linn County Fairgrounds

Albany- Hosted by District 21

Note from Area Secretary:

The information below is a written record of the business meeting. I've done my best to capture what actually happened and get it down on paper for you! The discussion notes for the motions do not contain all of the discussion that actually happened, but should convey a good sense of opinions both for and against the various motions. Paraphrasing is sometimes necessary. Any amendments of previous minutes shall appear below. Thank you!

Call to Order

Chase B. called the meeting to order with a moment of silence followed by the Serenity Prayer. Preamble read by Krystal J., 12 traditions by Speedbump and the concepts by Scott K. Chase recognized the new GSRs and DCMs as well as our Past Delegates Darlene G., Bruce L., Don J. and Eric K.

Roll Call was given by Eric V.

Absent: DCM Dis 32

Proxies: Fred D. and Don E.

Motion to approve minutes as amended by Dave A. Seconded by Eric F. Passed

Area Officer Reports

The following gave reports. (Copies attached)

Delegate.....Dave A.
Alt. Delegate.....Anne M.
Area Chair.....Chase B.
Alt. Chair.....Gus P.
Secretary.....Eric V.
Registrar..... Julie W.
Treasurer.....Dale S.

Motion to accept Treasurers Report by Jon D., seconded by Barbara D. Passed

Announcements

-Chase announced that the current Hospitals Chair, Erik F, was stepping down from the position. Co-Chair Wayne W will now rotate to Chair, and Assistant Co-Chair Sandra V will rotate to Co-Chair. The Assistant Hospitals position will remain open until it is necessary to fill it.

-The maps have been updated and now reflect the two new districts (36 and 37).

-Today marks the first ever 'virtual' distribution of the Area Guidelines, which are updated and were loaded onto the website last night. The printed version will be available at the next scheduled printing, in May of 2009.

-Please review your copy of the 2009 budget, as we will be voting on this at the next assembly.

-Please remember that the business meeting is on Saturday at the next assembly, as it is elections. Positions available are Treasurer, Alt. Treasurer, Secretary and Registrar. Also, please plan to attend the Area Inventory on Sunday at the next assembly.

Old Business

No Old Business

New Business

Motion #1

To: Oregon Area Assembly

Date: May 2008

From: Eric Knudsen, Grapevine/La Vina Chair Chairperson and immediate past delegate

Subject: Reimbursement for delegate expenses that went over the 2006-07 delegate budget.

Motion: To reimburse the immediate past-delegate \$537.85 for expenses incurred while carrying out his duties as delegate during the fiscal year 2006-07.

Current Practice: Officers expenses are reimbursed within the approval limits set by the voting body. The approved limits are set in the budget at each September assembly and when additional funds are needed the request for such funds is made to the voting body in advance of making the expenditure. The Oregon Area Guidelines on page 14 read as follows: "Officers and Service Committee Chairpersons will submit to the Finance Committee a quarterly financial statement, accompanied by receipts and sales slips to cover the expenses incurred."

Intent/Purpose: This motion will not affect the current delegate's budget. I mistakenly over-spent my delegate's budget last year. It is now clear that while I did "submit to the Finance Committee a quarterly financial statement, accompanied by receipts and sales slips to cover the expenses incurred," I then deleted some lines in the spreadsheet I was using to track the running total of my expenses. A delay in spotting the mistake was caused by the fact that I did not turn in my quarterly financial statement until after the November 2007 assembly. I am very grateful to the Finance Committee and particularly Murray for discovering the mistake. **How the money was spent:** The single most important change in delegate expenses over previous years was an increase in the amount of printed material that was provided to our members. Starting with the May 2007 assembly and continuing at reports in 22 different towns a series of documents detailing the business of the 2007 Conference was distributed to members of 32 districts. These documents have not been provided in the past. Each of the bundles of documents cost \$4.64 to photocopy at eight cents per double-sided sheet. Some of the districts were self-supporting and others were not. The delegate's budget is provided by the groups of Oregon Area so that all districts, whether they are able to be self-supporting or not, can have equal access this critical information. These documents increased the Area's effectiveness in carrying out this fundamental and important function of the Area.

Budgetary Impact: \$537.85

Seconded by Jim B. (district 24)

Discussion: Said member asks if we have the money and treasurer answers that we do have the money to cover this expense. Eric K. asks that other checks be written to cover travel expenses etc. for this assembly before he is reimbursed. Dan wanted to know how many bundles were made for this expense. Eric has no exact number but that is how the money was spent. Some districts supported themselves while others were not able to. Eric explains that overage was a mistake made by accidentally deleting item on excel spreadsheet. Shawn supports motion because Eric has done a great job and he is great.

Dylan Called the Question

Debate is ended

Motion Deemed Urgent/Administrative

Motion Passed

Minority Opinion: Cricket does not feel that it is urgent and would like it to go back to groups. Jeanine wants to know how something from 2007 budget will affect 2008 budget. Dale explains that this will show as a footnote on 2008 financial statements.

Motion stands as passed

MOTION #2:

Submitted to Oregon Area 58 at the May 2008 Assembly in Albany, OR
On behalf of District 18, by GSR Cricket

To establish an Area practice that, when appointing an ad hoc committee, the Area Chairperson should supply the ad hoc committee with specific area(s) of focus and a definite timeframe, whenever possible.

As an extension of the office of the Chair, such an ad hoc committee should be in communication with the Chairperson to receive support and direction before proceeding, if they discover in the course of their work that they need to extend their scope and/or that they need more time than initially specified.

CURRENT PRACTICE:

In the current Area 58 Guidelines, Section I: Glossary and Acronyms (page 3) defines an ad hoc committee as "A temporary committee assigned to address one specific item or topic".

The relevant Area Chairperson's duty is presently defined in III.A.4.f.(9) as "Appoint ad hoc committees to address specific issues as needed".

INTENT & PURPOSE:

To clarify the scope of future ad hoc committees, establish clear practices, reduce confusion, and increase effectiveness.

It is understood that a Chairperson should have as much autonomy as possible in exercising their duties as a trusted servant on behalf of the fellowship. Since an ad hoc committee is by definition both *temporary* and *specific*, we do feel strongly that clear Area practice in this regard can prevent future confusion. (For example, when an ad hoc committee appointed by one Chairperson is still in operation when the next Chairperson rotates in.)

If clarity is built in from the beginning, all parties are free to use their energy for carrying the message.

BUDGETARY IMPACT: None anticipated

Seconded by John A. (district 13)

Discussion: Lee thinks that there needs to be clarity on how long a temporary committee can be temporary. Paul K. thinks that ongoing Adhoc Committees could cause financial difficulties and also lose focus. John asked that we table motion. Barbara wanted to know how long other Adhoc Committees have lasted and how much have we spent on them. Treasurer explains we have never spent money on Adhoc Committees yet. Cricket said that this motion has evolved and has a lot of work behind it. Rob is against motion; he says the way it is now is working so why fix it. Chase points out that Web Committee is an extension of the chair position and not an Adhoc. Barry brings up concept 10 and says that we give the responsibility of Adhoc to chair so we should also give him authority to decide the length of there usefulness. We should trust our servants. Barry said we may want to define the Chairs responsibility in the Guidelines. Mark wants to know if this is a motion to revise Guidelines and if so he is for it. Cricket points out that the Chair makes appropriate changes to guidelines in lieu of motions.

Joe called the Question

Dave B Seconded

Debate is ended

Motion is tabled

Motion #3

Motion: To increase the Archive line item for rent by \$150 for the balance of 2008.

Intent/ Purpose: To comply with the \$25.00 per month rent increase for our storage units.

Current Practice: Pay the rent, as billed, each quarter.

Budgetary impact: \$150

Lee Seconded motion

Discussion: Pat wanted to know if we have the money. Murray says we have the money. This is first priority spending. Jim wants to know if this is for climate controlled storage. Hal says that it is. Mary wants to know if

our Archives are insured and Hal says that no insurance company will insure our archives and they only have value to us.

Motion deemed Urgent/Administrative

Motion Passed

Minority Opinion: Mary wants to know if we have looked into other facilities for better price. Hal says that you will not get a better price than we have as we have been with this company for years and moving would cost a lot. Chris would like to take this back to groups, its their money.

Motion to Reconsider by John

Seconded by Peggy Sue

Motion stands as Passed

Motion #4

MOTION FROM COOPERATION WITH TREATMENT FACILITIES COMMITTEE:

To increase the Cooperation with Treatment Facilities (CTF) Travel and Expense budget by \$400.

CURRENT PRACTICE: The current practice allows that if a committee is active and it is possible to exceed their budget that they request an increase prior to incurring additional expenses.

PURPOSE AND INTENT: To allow the CTF to continue the work they have been doing. The current budget will likely not meet the expenses for the planned activities through the end of the Fiscal Year (November 30). We are requesting this increase to insure there is sufficient budget to cover expenses through the end of the year.

BUDGETARY IMPACT: \$400

Troy K (district 25) seconded

Discussion: Anne wants to know how much money is left. Fran explains that she is using more money because of her location as compared to last CTF Chair. She says that they need more money because they have been more active. Dylan wanted to know if this would increase the line item to \$1150 and the answer was yes. Dylan wants to know if we have the money and Murray says we do not have the money for this at this time. Lee mentions our primary purpose. Barbara wants to know if this is just the travel budget. The answer is yes, this is not about the literature budget. Paula says that it is not good that we do not have the money to do this. Skip is for motion and hopes we approve so they can do their work. Mark mentions that we have 9 other committees and we need to consider where we draw the line on spending. Mary wants to know what this money will do. Peggy explains that we also have the Orientation to attend and that is another expense. There was a lot of talk of fiscal responsibility and also of our primary purpose.

Penny Called the Question

Ben seconded

Debate is ended

Motion deemed Urgent/Administrative

Motion passed

Minority Opinion: Barbara was confused on financial statement. Dale explained there was a discrepancy in financial statement and corrects it. Cricket wants this to go to groups. Cricket thinks we should transfer literature money to travel. Lisa is worried about spending money we don't have. Murray says that committees should keep an eye on their budgets and only use 1/4 of budget each quarter. Bill thinks we should stick to our budget. Mary thinks we move to quickly on spending money. Paul sees this as a great opportunity to talk to groups about 7th tradition. Steve thinks we should table this till money is available. John thinks we need to be creative with money we have been budgeted.

Chair asked for sense of meeting to extend the duration of the business meeting. The group was supportive of extending business by 30 minutes

Motion to Reconsider by Jimmy (dis 33)

Seconded by Steve

Motion to reconsider passed

Debate Resumed

Discussion: Rhonda wants this to go back to groups. Guy is concerned that if we table this there were only be \$70 to carry the message all summer. Chris says that we never have the money. We need more contributions. Chris feels we should vote on it now as they need the money. Said member says we need to be self supporting. Eric says that our budget is not like our home budgets. It is a projection of spending as close to what we think it will cost. Eric reminds us that one of the checks to be written can be delayed so that CTF will have the money. Said member thinks we should take a financial inventory. Murray reminds Committees they can ask districts for money to offset cost.

Motion is tabled

(Note: Inspired by the discussion regarding the CTF motion, a member passed a 'hat' around the room during the motion debate. After the motion was tabled, the member counted the money and announced to the assembly that the collection totaled approximately \$540. The Area chairperson asked the body if they wanted that money to go to CTF, and the body supported that overwhelmingly. The funds were given to the CTF Committee, and will be recorded as individual contributions from events that the CTF Committee participate in for the remainder of the year.)

Final Treasurers Report

Opened with	\$10,694.85
Checks written	<u>\$8,651.36</u>
Closing balance	\$2,043.49

Closed at 12:30pm with Responsibility Statement

Respectfully Submitted By
Eric V, Area Secretary