



AGA
Topeka Chapter
Executive Board Meeting
October 12, 2004
Celtic Fox



The meeting was called to order at 5:15 PM by President Walt Darling. Members present were Debby Fitzhugh, Scott Alisoglu, Marsha Pappen, Rhonda Mings, Nickie Roberts, Shirley Hollis and Walt Darling. Members absent were Randy Bailes, Randy Tongier, Carolyn Brock, Brett Bauer and Shirley Moses.

PROFESSIONAL LECTURE SERIES

October. The group discussed the cancellation of the Thursday evening lecture. It was proposed that it be rescheduled for the end of October or be moved to the first week of December. The actual date would be dependent upon the schedule of our speaker.

November. It is proposed that Allyson Christman be asked to speak. RHONDA MINGS will contact her to see if her calendar is open for our date.

January. Duane Goossen is scheduled to speak. RHONDA MINGS will check with the Top of the Tower to see if they have a larger room than the one used last time. If they do not, she will look into another location.

February. Senator David Kerr will be asked to make a presentation regarding the upcoming session. He will be asked to focus on those items that he feels will be most important to the Governor and give his opinion as to what reactions could be expected from the Legislature.

QUARTERLY TRAINING SESSIONS

Lawrence – November. RHONDA MINGS volunteered to contact Gina regarding her recommendations for the location and the speaker for a four-hour presentation. It is intended that we will try to use the Dole Institute.

Topeka – January. A subcommittee was formed of DEBBY FITZHUGH and SCOTT ALISOGLU to investigate a four or eight hour presentation that would headline economic development efforts at the state and local levels.

MEMBERSHIP

SHIRLEY HOLLIS reported that our membership has increased by one since last month. We welcome RITA BARNARD to AGA. Rita is a long-time past member who has played an instrumental role in the management of the Topeka Chapter. Since the start of the membership year, the club has grown from 61 to 70 members.

Shirley noted that she and MARSHA PAPPEN met to discuss options for contacting past members. They have divided up potential members and are calling them to see if they can get them to join. Several have noted a reluctance to pay the \$90 national dues.

CGFM

MARSHA PAPPEN noted that national has provided her with a list of persons that have not renewed their certification. She contacted each of the persons and found that two had re-certified, but that paperwork needed to be corrected. Marsha worked with the individuals and national to ensure the paperwork got corrected and that the certifications were correctly reflected.

TREASURER'S REPORT

DEBBY FITZHUGH presented the treasurer's report. The organization has just over \$25,000 in checking, saving and CD's. RHONDA MINGS moved that we transfer \$10,000 from savings and create two new CD's and that they be created such that two signatures be required to cash them in. One CD would be on a six month renewal cycle and the second would be on a 12-month renewal cycle. NICKIE ROBERTS seconded the motion and it was passed.

The use of the organization credit card was discussed. It was moved by RHONDA MINGS to modify the account to create four credit cards on the one account. One each would be established for the President, President-Elect, Treasurer, and Facilities Chair. The account would have a maximum of \$2,500 in total expenses, at any time. The motion was seconded by MARSHA PAPPEN. The motion was passed.

The organization post office box can be changed in size and reduce the annual cost by approximately half. This would save approximately \$50 per year. However, a change would require that we change our post office box number. It was decided to solicit thoughts and comments prior to discussing any change.

COMMUNITY SERVICE

NICKIE ROBERTS reported on a very successful effort on behalf of the Race Against Breast Cancer. Nickie was interviewed over the radio and had the opportunity to explain how AGA was working to assist in this worthwhile cause. AGA provided six different volunteers and 21 hours of volunteer service for the race. The next event will be an event to support the Topeka Rescue Mission. Nickie moved that the Board approve a donation to the Rescue Mission on the basis of a dollar-for-dollar match, with a maximum of \$100 from the organization.

MISCELLANEOUS

SHIRLEY HOLLIS moved to approve payment for the expenses of the meeting. The total cost was \$26.39. The motion was seconded by NICKIE ROBERTS. The motion passed.

Members were asked to submit committee reports electronically prior to meetings so members could review them prior to meetings.

It was proposed that the Board meet more frequently so discussion could be undertaken on subjects and action could be taken without the need to wait for the regular monthly meetings. It was moved by MARSHA PAPPEN and seconded by RHONDA MINGS that we meet on a bi-weekly basis, and that the agendas be limited so discussion could take place over lunch. The motion passed.

ADJOURNMENT

RHONDA MINGS moved, and MARSHA PAPPEN seconded, that the meeting be adjourned. The motion passed and the meeting was adjourned at 8:00 PM.

Respectfully submitted,

Walt Darling, President