



AGA Topeka Chapter
Minutes of Chapter Executive Committee
February 11, 2009



Members Present: Nickie Roberts, Walt Darling, Linda Farlow, Scott Alisoglu, Brandi Baer, Marti Leisinger, Melinda Richter

Members Absent: Sabrina Wells, Fred Baer, Muriah Baker, Pam Simecka, Kathy Bohnhoff

Approval of Minutes – No changes to December 2008 and January 2009 minutes; both unanimously approved.

PDC – Marti reviewed the finalized schedule for both days (February 26-27) and reviewed hotel costs. We should at least come close to breaking even this year, based on an estimate of 50 attendees.

Melinda is doing the evaluation form this year.

The PDC Committee will meet the night before the conference (Feb 25) at 5:30 p.m. at the Capital Plaza Hotel to put bags together.

We will need help with registration at the conference, so please get in touch with Marti.

We decided that food for the breaks would be placed outside the rooms, so as not to cause interference and to get people leaving the room and moving around.

It is estimated that 40 people will take advantage of the PDC membership scholarship.

We had approximately 30 people take advantage of it last year.

The CEC then debated the merits of a membership scholarship for people that *don't* attend the 2009 PDC, but that attended last year, and even those that *never* attended a PDC. The CEC unanimously voted to approve a three-tiered scholarship system: (1) For 2009 PDC attendees, AGA will pay \$70; (2) for those that didn't attend the 2009 PDC, but that attended the 2008 PDC, AGA will pay \$45; and (3) for everyone else, AGA will pay \$20. However, members must request the scholarship by the end of March in order to be eligible.

The CEC also discussed the possibility of awarding points to people attending various AGA functions and then awarding scholarships based on the number of points earned.

Spring Social – Brandi noted that the theme of the Spring Social will be Mardi gras. She and Melinda have purchased boas, hats, beads, ducks, crawfish, etc. They'll continue working on the specifics.

Treasurer's Report – Pam was absent, but Walt noted that he will contact Pam to find out if the issue of the missing \$3,000 discovered in last year's audit had ever been resolved.

Audio Conference – Linda noted that two people attended the January audio conference, one of whom was herself.

CGFM – Nothing has been done with the study group as of late, but there are only three people involved. The library has two-hour rooms for up to four people that are available free of charge.

We are on the State's list for the proclamation. Nothing yet for the City.

Early Careers – Melinda relayed that there will be no more early career PDC scholarships from National.

There will be an early career regional conference call next week.

Community Service – The loose change program has raised \$39.28 thus far.

We've gotten no responses for the call for VITA volunteers.

Nickie has confirmed 80 door prizes for the Battered Women's Task Force raffle at the PDC.

Website – No changes.

Meeting adjourned.