

MINUTES

SPJ Detroit Chapter Board Meeting

Thursday, December 10, 2009

Location : The Jewish News, Southfield

Present: Colleen Clement, W. Kim Heron, Gloria Olman, David Sachs, Jack Harned, Steve Raphael, Jerome Vaughn and Administrator Donna Remer.

Absent: Andy Chapelle, Janet Mendler, Tom Stanton, Jim Schaefer, Ann Zaniewski, and Walter Middlebrook.

Clement called meeting to order at 8:50 a.m.

Minutes of November 11 Meeting: Olman moved approval, Heron seconded; approved by unanimous vote.

Treasurer's Report: Submitted by Olman. Bank balance is \$12,669. Board agreed to continue policy of filing CPA-reviewed IRS form EZ990, although chapter's current gross income does not require it.

Budget: Presented by Remer. Fund-raising ideas are needed. Roast of Dick Purtan considered.

January 22 Social Program honoring Pulitzer winners: Discussion and decisions:

- Title will be "Party with the Pulitzers."
- 6-9 p.m. at Birmingham Bloomfield Art Center. Brief program with introductions about 7 p.m.
- Price will be \$25; \$20 for members. Invited Pulitzer winners and their spouses/partners complimentary.
- Remer will implement PayPal availability for pre-paid reservations, if possible.
- Price will include food and soft drinks. Cash charge for beer and wine.
- Donna will prepare tickets and printed program with info on the Pulitzer winners.
- Harned will get bid from caterer; board can accept or consider "self-catering" by email vote.
- Public is invited. Attendance of 100 is target.
- Zaniewski asked to handle further arrangements and possible displays.

JOY Banquet – April 14:

- Zaniewski is checking availability of Helen Thomas as guest speaker. Other candidates are needed if she is unavailable.

- Board voted to give Lifetime Achievement Awards to The Cain Family and George Cantor.
- Invitations are out contest entries, scholarships and JOY nominations; Arrangements made for judging and selection. Clement will arrange educators' jury for JOY and YJOY selections.

Contest Judging:

Chapter has accepted responsibility for judging contest entries for three SPJ chapters, reciprocal for their judging ours, also for a national SPJ Mark of Excellence program and a Michigan high school essay contest.

Other Programs: "Show the Love" benefit for out-of-work journalists on November 24, co-sponsored with NABJ Detroit chapter, was well-attended and enjoyed.

Newsletter: Issue needed in December to promote January 22 event and contest. Donna will work with Walter to produce and post on website.

Membership: National SPJ is implementing competition between chapters to promote new membership. Possible chapter initiatives were discussed, including waiving local dues or entry.

Respectfully Submitted

Jack Harned
(for Secretary Tom Stanton.)