

**MINUTES**  
**SPJ Detroit Chapter Board Meeting**  
**Wednesday, Feb. 9, 2011**

**Location:** Jewish News, Southfield.

**Present:** Colleen Clement, Jack Harned, Janet Mendler, Gloria Olman, David Sachs, Jim Schaefer, Tom Stanton, Jerome Vaughn, Ann Zaniewski and administrator Donna Remer.

**Absent:** Tim Higgins, W. Kim Heron and Walter Middlebrook.  
Zaniewski called the meeting to order at 8:45 a.m.

**Minutes – Stanton**

Minutes of the Jan. 5 meeting were presented. Olman made a motion to approve, Clement seconded. All voted aye.

**Treasurer's report – Olman**

Olman said the chapter has \$16,285 in the checking account and \$14,814 in the Laurain scholarship fund. She will be filing forms for an "unclaimed property" request through the state of Michigan.

**Budget – Remer**

Remer updated the board on this year's contest. Some entries are still being delivered, but the numbers appear to have dropped since last year. She noted that additional Laurain memorial donations of \$150 have been received.

**Election and bylaws – Clement**

Clement will follow-up with Middlebrook on the status of filling the current board opening.

**Programming**

v **Notable retirees:** Schaefer is looking into the program and asked for direction from the board. Harned said discussion has focused on holding it downtown in a gallery or cafe. Schaefer asked who should be invited. Names of recently retired journalists were floated. An invitation to nominate honorees will be sent to members by email.

v **Patch:** Mendler proposed a program on Patch, similar to one done by the mid-Michigan chapter. She said the purchase of Huffington Post by AOL, which owns Patch, has heightened interest. Other online enterprises, like annarbor.com, could be included. Schaefer will check with a friend who is supervising the area operation. Harned thought it would be wise to schedule it before the JOY banquet.

**Banquet – Harned**

The event will be held April 6 at San Marino Hall in Troy, beginning at 6:30 p.m.

- Lifetime Achievement Awards. Stanton nominated Charles Eisendrath. Sachs seconded the nomination. Discussion followed. All voted aye. Mac Gordon was nominated by Harned, seconded by Olman. All voted aye.
- President's Award. Remer will look at the membership records to see if there is a logical nominee for longevity.

**Membership – Vaughn and Zaniewski**

Vaughn is working with college sources to organize an event related to job hunting.

**Michigan Journalism Hall of Fame -- Clement**

The event is this weekend.

The meeting adjourned at 10:05 a.m.

**Respectfully submitted,**

**Tom Stanton**

Detroit SPJ Secretary