

## MINUTES

### SPJ Detroit Chapter Board Meeting

Wednesday, June 9, 2010

**Location:** The Jewish News, Southfield

**Present:** Gloria Olman, Colleen Clement, David Sachs, Jerome Vaughn, Administrator Donna Remer.

**Absent:** Janet Mendler, Andy Chapelle, Tom Stanton, Steve Raphael, Jim Schaefer, Walter Middlebrook, Ann Zaniewski, W. Kim Heron, Jack Harned, .

Meeting called to order at 8:35 a.m.

No quorum, so discussion only

#### **Minutes – Clement**

Minutes from May 12 were reviewed. No quorum to approve.

#### **Annual report – Clement**

A comprehensive report was submitted to National by Clement. She used the on-line reporting process. She asked board members to look it over and make suggestions, since it can still be amended. Clement said she was pleased with the programs offered during the last year.

#### **Treasurer's Report – Olman**

Presented by Olman

#### **Budget Update – Remer**

Presented by Remer. Budget still looks good for the year. Income about \$6,000 over budget. Expenses about \$2,000 over budget. Still pending: Payout for digital television event, which could be more than \$1,000 pending receipts from Middlebrook. Remer asked to set aside time at retreat to discuss budget for next year. Will have proposed budget at that time.

#### **Election**

The terms of the following are up this year: David Sachs, Gloria Olman, Jim Schaefer, Colleen Clement, Walter Middlebrook, Andy Chapelle and W. Kim Heron. Need to determine who is willing to stay on the board for another term. Sachs, Olman will run. Remer to e-mail others to confirm that they will run and then prepare a ballot. Bylaws say election is to take place in June but current board members stay on until their successor is elected. (Chapelle confirmed

later that he will run.) We will need to fill at least one slot. Possible candidates include: Rebecca Jones, Rochelle Riley, Jane Briggs Bunting.

### **Retreat date – Clement**

Clement suggested Aug. 7 as a possible date for the annual retreat. She will poll board members by e-mail to see if this works for most.

### **Scholarship request - Clement**

A student from St. Clair County Community College has been accepted as an intern for the SPJ National conference in Las Vegas in October. National will cover her hotel and conference costs. She is seeking help with transportation and other costs. Those present agreed that our chapter could give her \$200 and we would ask her to contribute a story for our website.

### **Programs**

Need to finalize dates, venue for Steve Gray program. Would like to lead off with this for fall. Board can discuss this by e-mail to come up with a September date, place. Wayne State and UofD were mentioned.

Other programs not finalized: Google workshop in October, Ovshinsky program, speed pitching. Those present rejected the Tao of Everest proposal submitted by e-mail because it does not directly relate to journalism issues.

### **Web site – Remer**

Good traffic. Good online registration for Access program. Will have report for retreat.

### **Membership – Remer**

An online report from National shows that 16 new members have enrolled this year. However, the same report shows we lost 43 members in 2009 and to date in 2010. At Vaughn's suggestion, Remer agreed to send a list of those who dropped to board members so that they can encourage people to rejoin. She will include a link to on-line enrollment.

Meeting adjourned about 10:15 a.m.