

MINUTES
SPJ Detroit Chapter Board Meeting
Wednesday, March 2, 2011

Location: Jewish News, Southfield.

Present: Jack Harned, Tim Higgins, Janet Mendler, Walter Middlebrook, Gloria Olman, Tom Stanton and administrator Donna Remer.

Absent: Colleen Clement, W. Kim Heron, David Sachs, Jim Schaefer, Jerome Vaughn and Ann Zaniewski.

Middlebrook called the meeting to order at 8:45 a.m.

Minutes – Stanton

Minutes of the Feb. 9 meeting were presented. Olman made a motion to approve, Mendler seconded. All voted aye.

Treasurer's report – Olman

Olman said the chapter has \$24,449 in the checking account and \$14,814 in the Laurain scholarship fund. Olman suggested tabling the renewal of the Laurain CD until next month. Harned made a motion to approve, Mendler seconded. All voted aye.

Laurain scholarship – Middlebrook

Members discussed scholarship allocations and how much money to contribute to the Laurain CD. Middlebrook felt the \$1150 received this fiscal year in Laurain memorials should absolutely be contributed to the fund. Others present concurred and discussed increasing the allocation. No vote was taken.

Budget – Remer

Remer said the chapter received \$299 in local membership fees from SPJ National. Mendler suggested welcoming new members on the website. Some members questioned whether privacy would be a concern. Remer will check with SPJ National. Related to the annual contest, Remer said she has received \$4,360 in checks and \$4,200 from PayPal.

Banquet – Harned

Middlebrook said the chapter needs to do a better job promoting table ticket sales. He recommended that Remer send table invites to media leaders and board members. Harned will be sending solicitations to area PR firms. He suggested a March 18 deadline for table sales. Harned may need help with table decorations, because Vicki, who has traditionally handled it, will be unavailable. Ilene Harned will serve again as photographer at the event, and Heron and Schaefer will return as emcees. Student volunteers are being sought as assistants. Bruce McIntyre, a 50-year SPJ member, will be honored with a Presidential Award.

Board vacancy – Middlebrook

Middlebrook said he is open to suggestions for the current board opening.

Michigan Journalism HOF – Mendler

Linda Solomon, Ken Winter and Robert Giles will be honored at the April 17 event.

Adjournment

At 10:06 a.m., Higgins motioned to adjourn and Harned seconded. All voted aye.

Respectfully submitted,

Tom Stanton

Detroit SPJ Secretary