

OFMC
General Board Meeting
Market of Choice, West Linn
June 17th, 2011 - 10:00 to 12:00

President Aaron Bloom called the meeting to order at 10:10 a.m.

Attendance: President Aaron Bloom, Shirley Christensen, Pauline Eidemiller, Bethany Evans, Jill Foster, Loretta Green, Melissa Hatcher, Cindy Peterson-Peart, Oliver Poida, Gina Pruitt, Lisette Sage, Linda Taylor, Paula Whistler

Minutes read from last board meeting, corrections made and put on file.

Financial Report: Loretta presented the year-end treasurer's report (on file). Lisette Sage was introduced as the new OFMC Treasurer and Loretta was thanked for all of her hard work.

Loretta will continue as Treasurer through June 30, the end of the fiscal year, and then will help Lisette transition into the position.

Gold Cups and Supplies: Paula Whistler reported that the ordering of cups and supplies went well. NFMC is using a new trophy company, so the gold cup bases were all the same size this year, but will be adjusted next year. We had 3 Grand Cups and 1 President's Cup this year. Process for ordering Grand Cups and President's Cups was clarified. Aaron reported that we still need a Supplies chairman.

Festival Chairman's Report: Oliver reported that OFMC had 3297 total participants in Festival this year, from 228 Junior Clubs, which is down about 80 participants from last year. Oliver suggested that the maximum allowance for adjudicator hotel expense should be raised to \$130 per night. Aaron will bring it up at the Executive Committee meeting.

Senior Club Reports: Year-end reports were given from Mid-Columbia, Beaverton, Salem, and Tillamook Senior Clubs (on file).

President's Report: Aaron reported that the 2011 National Convention was very enjoyable and productive. He found that most states are facing the same problems of finances, low interest, and an aging organization. .

Continued Business:

OFMC logo: The new logo was presented and is on the website.

Bylaws: Bethany has given Aaron her recommendation on the bylaws revision. Aaron and Shirley are in the process of reviewing it. The new version should be proposed within 6 months and will be simpler and streamlined. Bylaws will then be available online.

Online Registration Program: The new NFMC program will test in the Spring and several Oregon clubs will participate in the trial run.

OFMC Biennial Conference: The OFMC Conference will be held October 22, 2011, 9-4 at Marylhurst. Dennis Alexander is the presenter and Carolyn Nelson, NFMC President, will be the featured guest. Registration forms will be available sometime this summer.

New Business:

New composition chairman for 2011-2013 will be Dan Brugh.

Aaron reported that NFMC wants to overhaul the membership structure, specifically how members dues are collected. This will be an online registration program, much like MTNA. The membership money will go directly to NFMC. NFMC will pay OFMC for their State and Local dues. OFMC will pay each Senior Club their local dues. The change is probably 2-3 years out.

Aaron reported that OFMC now has a Facebook page and suggested that members use it to share ideas and information

Aaron discussed making money available to each Senior Club to use as they see fit for the further education of their members, or to bring in an artist to perform in their community or do a Masterclass, or fly in an adjudicator from out of state. Aaron will propose to the Executive Committee that \$300 of General Fund money be available to each Senior Club for this purpose.

Membership materials for 2011-2012 should be available in early July.

Aaron reported that NFMC still wants to have a National Convention in the west and would like it to be in Portland in 2013. The amount of work necessary to facilitate this was discussed. Washington said they would be willing to help.

Nomination and election of new Board members for 2011-2013:

Shirley Christensen moved that Aaron Bloom be installed as President for 2011-2013.

Jill Foster seconded the motion and it was passed.

Jill Foster moved that Bethany Evans be installed as Vice-President for 2011-2013.

Pauline Eidemiller seconded the motion and it was passed.

Loretta Green moved that Lisette Sage be installed as Treasurer for 2011-2013. Cindy Peterson-Peart seconded the motion and it was passed.

Jill Foster moved that Cindy Peterson-Peart be installed as Recording Secretary for 2011-2013. Pauline Eidemiller seconded the motion and it was passed.

Aaron reported that Fen-Fang Tsao is the new Gold Cup chair and that we need a new Scholarship chair and Supplies chair. Open volunteer positions will be posted on the Facebook page.

Meeting adjourned at 11:58 a.m.

Minutes by Recording Secretary Cindy Peterson-Peart

Meeting adjourned