

## Minutes of the Regular Meeting January 15, 2014

The meeting was called to order at 6:37 P.M. Chairperson Carolyn Schaeffner called for introduction of new e-board officer: Roger Sample – Vice Chair, Ashley Campo – Treasurer, Leslie Rentel – Secretary, and Kelly Sullivan – Director. Other member present: Chris Racine, Reuben Wentworth, Dale Schaeffner.

Reuben called for suspension of regular meeting to allow fund raising presentation by Alton eighth graders towards their trip to Washington D.C. They need to raise \$35,000.00 over the next three years (\$650-\$800 per student.) After they left, the regular meeting was resumed at 6:49 P.M. It was generally voted to not give any money but to assist them by posting their request to our web site. Carolyn will send them a letter. Chris made a motion to extend them an offer to approach the Carnival Committee if they would like to have a fund raising booth at the Winter Carnival. Motion passed.

Minutes: The minutes from 12/18/13 were reviewed. A motion to accept by Chris with a minor typo correction. The motion passed. The e-board minutes were reviewed from 1/7/14. A motion to accept by Ashley with a minor typo correction. Motion passed.

Treasurers Report: A Treasurer's Report was distributed, prepared by Carolyn, as the Treasurer transition has not taken place. Ashley will be unable to continue in the position of Treasurer due to a change at work. The position will be advertised via the News Blast for a replacement. Motion by Reuben to have Leslie sign any required checks for the interim. Motion passed.

Citizen of the Year update: All plans are in order.

2014 Operating Budget: The importance of fundraising (\$2000.00 will be needed to fund all charitable donations) needs to be stressed to members, along with their participation. A discrepancy on the PO Box fee was discussed. Leslie will seek answer from post office. Double payment for web site still is not corrected. Cross Insurance will be spoken to in hopes to reduce our insurance fees. All our donations to charities Gilman Museum, Mrs. Santa, Food Pantry, and Scholarship will be zero funding on the budget because their amounts are related to the financial health of the organization and can fluctuate. A check will be drafted with a letter and a donation to the Food Pantry for \$250.00. There has been no response from the Technical College in regards to the scholarship. Other minor changes were made to the budget. Motion to accept by Kelly. Motion passed.

ABA Calendar: Carolyn presented a calendar to track events and time references to begin planning for events with input to be discussed at the Executive Board meeting on Wednesday, February 5.

Winter Carnival: Chris presented a budget. A motion by Leslie to remove a line item for a donation to the Police and Fire Depts. for their help at the Carnival. Their participation is their donation. Reuben emphasized extensively as to why they deserved no donations. All other items appeared in order. A motion to accept the budget by Kelly. Motion passed. Leslie presented a bob house signup sheet and an apology for misunderstanding instructions for the bob house flyer. She will redo/redistribute flyer. Chris will make amendments to signup sheet. It was decided to have the Bob House decorating contest signup at the ABA information/ticket booth on the day of the Winter Carnival.

Light up Night: A bucket truck will be needed to repair/reposition lights and to add another string of lights for next year. Some of the GFI outlets will have to be replaced. Carolyn proposed a tree maintenance workday for September.

Ice Out: Leslie proposed changes to wording and requirements. After discussion, the cutoff date was decided to be March 1 and, with minor adjustments, the changes were accepted.

The next regular meeting of the ABA will be on February 19. This meeting will also be a networking night/ Winter Carnival Thank You. Light refreshments will be served. Kelly to send out News Blast with information.