

AACTMAD Board Meeting Minutes

Wed. January 25, 2012

Next meeting – WED. Feb. 22 7:15 pm

Board Members Present:

Hal Breidenbach – President X
Robert Messer – Vice President
Linda Hanson – Secretary X
Brooke Ratliffe – Treasurer X
Cyndy Keesler X
Steve Johgart X
Gretchen Preston X
Will Jaynes X
Marlin Whitaker X

Guests:

Future Important Dates:

Wed. Feb 22. Board meeting
Wed. March 28. Board meeting
Wed. April 25. Board meeting
Saturday May 5 – Annual AACTMAD meeting

Minutes approved.

To ensure that minutes will be posted online, approved minutes will be sent to Will.

The stock donation was resolved. A check was received for \$1800, **the remaining \$100** is being used to keep the brokerage account open.

Nominating Committee:

The committee were notified that the board does not require that an election be contested, but can still offer more candidates that just to fill open positions if find enough people willing to serve. Two nominees are needed to fill open positions. The committee is having trouble finding candidates. So far they have one person willing to run. The board will get to review the slate in February. **Can you state whose positions are open for this upcoming election, who has agreed to run again and what new person has agreed to run?**

Auction.

A message was sent out on the outcome and all donors received thank you messages from Hal. It was moved, seconded, and approved that for all donation of \$25 or greater, a complimentary

membership for the year be offered if the donor is not a member. It was decided to make this retroactive to the fundraiser if possible.

There were questions raised about having an AACTMAD-specific e-mail list versus lists for other types of contacts. A task was identified to determine the state of the mailing list with members and non-members of AACTMAD and the board needs to determine what sort of e-mail list is desired.

Hal will contact donors to offer honorary memberships. If no e-mail is available, the donors will also be asked for contact information if they are willing to provide it.

Lisa Greenleaf has agreed to come in the fall. The 5th or 4th Saturdays in September have been proposed and she should be getting back to Gretchen.

Gretchen contacted Ray about a program in the schools and he indicated he is not interested. Brooke proposed possibly developing a program for summer camps. It was proposed that Glen Morningstar be approached and the board is to look for other potential school program developers. Steve will contact Glen.

A lease for Concourse was signed with the Church group to start February 1.

The IRS letter with the new name has arrived (copies distributed). It will be archived and Will will put a copy on the web.

The Dawn Dance now has its own account.

A report is still needed for the New Dancer Program. It was noted that people have been seeing the coupons being used. No cut off date was given originally. Brooke says that about 60 tickets have been turned in. It was proposed that the ticket format be changed so that we can tell if new ones are being turned in. It appears to be turning out to be a good program, but all of the committees need a better explanation of how these are to be used. It was proposed that information be included on each ticket. An update is requested when Robert returns. To date, when coupons are turned in, the dance group can get money for their cash box or credited to their account.

Will is going to put information from coupons onto a spread sheet.

Gretchen would like a standard format for the agenda.

The board would like to see a copy of the insurance policy. There were questions raised about locations specified and the numbers of dancers covered.

Members of the board are needed to go through paperwork and put away materials in the office. Brooke agreed to go through the paperwork.

\$750 was approved to support the “OTCD” series for the year. The fund balance is being recorded.

Gretchen talked to Mark about the Scrip program. The board should make it clear that AACTMAD wants people to join. It was suggested taking a computer to each dance to show people how to sign up. Cyndy will follow up on the program for Kroger.

Some committees have not been really reliable about reporting. The board went through the committee list and determined that some committees should be removed. There was a question whether the community partnering is still a committee, as it appears to be inactive.

Steve replaced Carolyn as the liaison for the scholarship committee.

The sound committee needs to ensure that everyone using the system is trained. There have been some issues with people unplugging things that should not be unplugged.

Steve will check on how can get school credit for dancing. How recruitment was done in the past and what was done to work with schools on this.

Facilities.

Now \$2000 more booked that rent. AACTMAD events generally leave the place relatively clean so generally require the type of extensive cleaning that may be required after other rentals.

The ballet company is paid through December.

A work day is coming up – April 21, 9:00-2:00. A list is needed of what work is required.

A spreadsheet of the annual general meeting was requested, including attendance, support from AACTMAD. Also, include an explanation of how the group is run, donations, bringing food, organizers work for free, etc.

A grant for the combined AACTMAD/OCTDS dance with the Lizards was requested (\$500) to ensure make the cost of the event if not enough is taken in at the gate. Friday and Saturday will be in Ann Arbor, Sunday in Oakland County. The take for the event will be split 50:50 between AACTMAD and OCTDS. A flyer is in progress for this event. The board approved funding for the event.

The KissMe proposal was approved.

Marlin started a lab dance. It is free to dance with open callers and the Pitsfield band playing. AACTMAD was asked to cover the rent for 1 Friday per month (approximately \$90 per month). Approved.

March 31st, there will be an English Ball.

At the last meeting, three hall rental rates were proposed:

AACTMAD rate for AACTMAD sponsored events

Outside rate

People who want to organize a 1 time event that is open to the public and fits the mission of AACTMAD, proposed a rate of ½ the outside rate.

Discussion and approval of long term plan and goals for 2012 will be at the February meeting along with how to turn the plan into action.

Greg was asked to do a write-up to the membership about scholarships. Gretchen proposed increasing the scholarship budget to \$2000. Approved.

Gretchen will talk to Cathy Breidenbach about the possibility of a publicity service/committee for AACTMAD

Adjourned.