

Executive Committee Meeting Minutes
September 10, 2003

The meeting was held at the home of John Parnell.

Mary Lee called us to order at 7:06 pm.

Members Present: Bob Charlton, Deb Brown, Judi Gissy, Mary Lee Kemper, Dave Lennig, John Parnell, Misty Richmond.

Guests: Paulette Wilson and Verona Bennetto

First order of business – to fill the vacancies on the Ex Comm. Bob moved that Dave and Judi fill these vacancies; John seconded. The motion passed unanimously.

The agenda was adjusted and approved.

Last month's minutes were approved as amended (with corrections submitted by John).

Reports

Loc Sec: Mary Lee updated us on the Sam's Club membership – no further changes made. Mary Lee reports that our reimbursement for the full mailing is not due until the third week of October. Mind Games is being held in Chicago in April, 2004 for those interested.

Treasurer: Paulette distributed Financial Reports and states that August is our big spending month. \$4008.67 is the ending book balance. We had a CD mature this month: \$1000 was rolled over into another CD and \$2000 was held onto in anticipation of RG expenses. The \$5000 CD will mature in February. The CD balance is \$8024.80 and the RG account balance is \$2737.30. This leaves a final balance of \$15,075.15.

Scholarship: Deb reports that Tom has asked what we plan to do about scholarships next year as we have lost our donors from last year. A good deal of discussion followed revolving around the desire to support the scholarship fund and concerns about the future ability of CAM to support the amounts as they now exist (without donations to offset this cost). Bob made a motion that CAM commit to maintaining the scholarship amounts for 2004 in the same amounts as 2003 (\$1500, \$1000 and \$500); Dave seconded. The motion passed unanimously. Mary Lee has agreed to write a column regarding the need for donations for the Scholarship Fund to remain at this level.

Western New York Mensa has sent a request to all Area 3 Loc Secs asking for assistance with their Scholarship Program as they lack a Scholarship Chair. Specifically they are requesting assistance with judging their entries. After discussion regarding the pros and cons of this idea, Mary Lee agreed to discuss the notion with Tom Vonderahe.

A break was taken at 7:44 to enjoy pizza!

We reconvened at 8:09.

Membership: Judi reports that we have 357 members, 1 inquiry and 18 prospects. The next testing date is the National Testing Day on October 18 at Cincinnati State followed by testing at the RG on December 6.

Publicity: Deb reports that she is sending out notices to local papers regarding the upcoming testing dates.

Editor: John reports that we have 17 Corporate subscriptions; 28 Region 3; 351 for CAM membership; 20 for Welcoming and Recruiting; 6 for the Archivist; 15 for Fold, Staple and Mutilate; 2 for subscriptions and 11 Other for a total to print of 450 newsletters.

Activities –

Monthly Gathering – September 13 is at the Austern's home with Judi Gisse speaking on the psychology of change. October 11 had been planned as a Halloween party, but CE Reutter is unable to keep this date. A new event will be sought for that date. November 8 will be Melanie Laughman, the Managing Editor of the Community Press Publications.

Regional Gathering - Misty reports that the next committee meeting is scheduled for October 12. Deb has completed a tentative program schedule and has forwarded this to Paulette for the website and to the Dayton Editor. Misty has forwarded our flyers to Charlie Bruce for forwarding to all Region 3 Editors and Judi has completed the menu for the RG and will forward to Paulette as well. At present we have 65 registrants.

Ex Comm election – Bob shared a report from Jim Strauss that there were but 7 nominations for Ex Comm and there will therefore not be an election. The new Ex Comm will consist of Verona Bennetto, Deb Brown, Bob Charlton, John Parnell, Misty Richmond, John Schneder and Paulette Wilson.

Old Business: John prepared a report comparing the features, cost and performance for various HP printers, including printer cartridges. His intent is to allow us time to review the information for discussion to take place next month.

Asset Inventory – Dave reports that there has been much progress on this task and he will continue to gather information.

New Business: none

Future Meetings:

October 8 – Dave Lennig will host at Mary Lee's home at 7 pm

November 12 – Verona Bennetto will host at 7 pm

December 10 – Mary Lee will host at 7 pm

Good and Welfare: none

The meeting was adjourned at 8:34.

Respectfully submitted,
Misty Richmond
Scribe