

HLAA Board Meeting

Date: January 24, 2018

Members Present: Gail Morrison, Joyce Bowlby, Craig Bowlby, Ilga Dravnieks, Katie Wright, Van Von Burg, Ram Kakkar, and Maxine Barten-Bauman.

Board Meeting started at 12:08 PM.

Minutes of December Board meeting: Minutes of the December Board Meeting were previewed before this meeting and corrections have been made. Motion to approve the minutes of December Board Meeting was raised by Ilga and seconded by Van. Motion Seconded and Carried (MSC). Plan: Secretary to email today's minutes to above members present.

Treasurer's Report: Treasurer's December Report was given. Katie's copies for the Board were copied inaccurately. Craig asked about tax letters to be sent. Bill Busch left a template for this. National HLAA keeps us updated on any changes necessary for tax letters. Plan: Katie to correct December treasurer's report and to work with Treasurer (Craig) on a 2018 budget. Approval and discussion of budget deferred until next month. Craig to receive tax letter template.

President's Report: No report given.

Corresponding Secretary: Van reported that 17-18 postcards were sent out. No feedback yet from this. Plan: Access effectiveness of mailings through Membership committee paperwork.

Committee Reports:

Programs and Publicity: Gail related that programs are set up through April and June. Katie related that Roberta Smith, CTAP speaker, will speak in February and will pay our captioner, Saba McKinley, for her captioning work during the meeting. This will save money for our chapter Need a May program. Plan: Deferred to next meeting.

HAT: Board asked to read the report in the agenda to save time. Hat is running well with increased attendance. As HAT attendance is growing, Katie suggested moving the demo to the bigger room. Plan: HAT to pursue this.

Lip Reading: No report given.

Membership: No report was given. Membership roster was updated at last meeting.

Informer: No report given.

Outreach Committee: Katie gave a talk at Los Altos United Methodist Church. Further report on outreach committee activities deferred to next meeting.

Looping: No report given.

Ways and Means: Discussion on this committee was deferred.

Nominating Committee: Gail Morrison is chairman of the Nominating Committee and has recruited Joyce Bowlby and Van Von Burg to assist her. Discussion of filling post of president was extensive. Prevailing opinion was that post should be filled by someone on the Board or experienced with HLAA. There is a need to develop chapter members for service on the Board. Plan: Nominating committee to meet and discuss further ideas presented to the Board and make recommendations next month.

Unfinished Business:

Table Microphones: Katie has arranged for Rich Archibold of Hearing Now USA to assess the loop system in the large meeting room and small meeting room at Weingart Senior Center on February 8, 2018 prior to our chapter meeting. This may be addressed then.

Hospital Kits and Welcome kits: Deferred to the Outreach committee for recommendations at a later date.

Website: No report given. Work is not yet complete. Plan: Return to this issue at a later meeting.

New Projector: Katie has been reimbursed. Plan: No further action.

Chapter A-V System set-up: Continued frustration with non-functioning loop system in the main room. Plan: Katie has scheduled Rich Archibold of Hearing Now USA to assess the system on February 8, 2018 prior to the meeting. Craig to assist Katie with the A-V set up at the meetings.

Update form to National: This has been done by Katie. Plan: no further action.

Literature Bins: Literature bins have not been disposed of. Plan: Dispose bins at a future date as able.

Saturday Meetings: Review of comments from chapter members lead to a lively discussion of meeting change to Saturday. Idea of keeping the Thursday meeting with an expanded format or program and do an abbreviated meeting on Saturday prior to HAT demo was suggested in order to capture more interested people who come to HAT and serve members who can not come to Thursday meetings. This would necessitate moving the HAT committee meeting to another date and time. This would minimize time commitment for those already involved in the chapter and HAT as they are already serving on Saturdays and Thursdays. Speakers may be harder to get on Saturday, but chapter program would be tailored to Saturday time commitment. Plan: Maxine will get

feedback from HLAA Convention archives regarding meeting days and programs. Katie will talk with other local chapters who meet on Saturdays for input. Further discussion will be continued at the next meeting.

Weingart Staff Present: Katie was reimbursed. No further action.

Connor and W4H Check: This will be presented in February.

Refreshments: Katie reported that Adela Praderas has recruited Kay Westfall to help. Adela will have a knee replacement in February, so Kay will set up refreshments. Plan: Let refreshment ladies carry on the task setting up and signing up refreshments. No further action.

2018 Calendar: Further discussion on the 2018 calendar deferred to the next meeting.

Meeting Adjourned at 1:33 PM.

Respectfully submitted,

Joyce Bowlby
Recording Secretary