

MINUTES
OBME Council Meeting
January 26, 2008
Oregon Financial Services Group (MassMutual)
Portland, OR

President, Twila Lehman, called the meeting to order at 8:30 a.m. She welcomed and thanked everyone for attending.

Members Present: Christy Ekroth, Mary Ann Lammers, Twila Lehman, Darlene Marquardt, Michael Morrell, Andrea Pace, Nancy Stephens, Sue Van Meter, Doug Veysey, Joyce Moreira, Jessica Voas, Linda Owen-Cooper.

Members Absent: Nancy Noe, Gail Lang, Ann Gerig, Adriann Spencer, Bonnie Grote, Ron Dodge, Trina Lee.

Agenda: The agenda was approved as submitted.

Minutes: The minutes of the last Council meeting were approved as submitted.

Correspondence: Twila received a thank-you card from the Pazlars for the award they were presented at the fall conference.

President's Report: Twila had nothing to report at this part of the meeting.

President-elect's Report: Mary Ann had nothing to report at this part of the meeting.

Secretary's Report: Michael had nothing to report at this part of the meeting

Treasurer's Report: Written report. A motion was passed to accept the financial review performed by Michael Morrell for fiscal years 2006-2007. The topic of filing a tax return for a 501 c (3) was brought up and discussed. Nancy Noe and Michael Morrell will further investigate this matter.

Membership Director's Report: Christy reported that there are currently 108 members (20 retired, 3 student, and 85 regular). NBEA set our membership goal to 120 OBEA/NBEA members. Motion passed to combine the money budgeted for the membership director to attend NBEA and WBITE this year be combined to attend one conference instead of both.

2007 OBME Conference: Sue started by congratulating everyone on the conference. 72 members participated and many reported that they thoroughly enjoyed the format. Twila echoed those remarks and complimented Sue on the success.

2008 Conference: Nancy Stephens reviewed conference planning and ideas. As it stands, the conference is scheduled to take place at The Red Lion in Salem. There will

be a legislative focus/theme. Nancy is attempting to set up a tour and meeting in the capitol building. The Capitol is in the process of a remodel and may have limited availability during our conference. The idea of having a meeting in the House of Representative Council Chambers was discussed and Nancy will follow up. Christy voiced some other options, including a back-to-basics theme which may be considered by the 2009 conference committee. She is reviewing locations for the 2009 conference and asked for suggestions. Andrea expressed interest in having a "survival guide" for new teachers and adding this as a benefit of membership in OBEA. This guide would be modeled after the FBLA coordinators guide wherein sections could be replaced and modified as needed, giving new teachers up to date information. Andrea suggested that once created, this guidebook could be maintained by the Communications Advisory Committee.

Newsletter: Sue reported that the newsletter was completed and postcards go out next week. She needs articles of interest for the newsletter in addition to highlights of minutes. The deadline for the next newsletter will be April 15. Future plans on how to distribute the newsletter were discussed and referred to the Communications Advisory Committee. Motion passed to send out e-mail messages to refer members to the website for the current newsletter, instead of postcards.

Correspondent: Maintaining the directory is not really a part of this position any longer. The membership director has taken this duty, due to the ease of accomplishing this task with technology and online staff directories.

Communications Advisory Committee: Discussion about web hosts and domain names started out this portion of the meeting. A motion was passed to purchase the domain name obea-oregon.org. Another motion was passed to switch our web hosting to dot5hosting.com as soon as possible. Mary Ann brought up the need for a new logo and recommended we utilize the graphics design program at LBCC. A motion was passed to set aside \$200 to pay the LBCC Graphics Design Department to design a new logo for OBEA. We also talked about opening up graphic design ideas to our membership. The last issue discussed was the Restated Articles of Incorporation. A motion was passed to accept the new articles and send it to the Secretary of State.

Elections Director: Written Report.

Awards: There is more than one nominee in each category.

Correspondent #1: Doug shared some insights into getting funds and computers donated to his school district. He also expressed a need to share ideas more frequently on resources to attain new technology.

Correspondent #2: Linda shared some disappointing news that three schools eliminated business education. She also reported that Marshal High School is trying some new programs and that they are very open about sharing their ideas.

Correspondent #4: Written report regarding the correlation of curriculum between neighboring schools.

College Correspondent: Written Report.

Higher Ed: Written Report.

Retired Correspondent: Joyce expressed concern that it was difficult to get a valid e-mail address from the retired folks.

Events Coordinator: Twila thanked Jessica for finding such a great location. The April meeting will be held in Salem, hopefully at The Red Lion. Jessica will confirm with the hotel.

Historian: Doug expressed his desire to continue working as the historian. He is in the process of compiling some scrapbook pages and going through photos.

FBLA: We discussed sending Michael, Christy, and Jessica to the state competition of FBLA in order to promote membership in OBEA. The idea was discussed to provide a drawing for 1 free membership and another drawing for current members of one free conference registration. Christy will research options and dates and get back to the council via e-mail.

We also discussed inserting a flyer in the DECA and OACTE conference brochures.

Meeting was adjourned at 1:35

Respectfully submitted,

Michael Morrell