

Board of Directors Meeting Minutes September 2, 2009 11:30 a.m. Austin's Restaurant

Attendees: Pamela Farmer, Paula Bova, Debbie Jenkins, Nancy Thompson, Bill Stutzenberger, Shannon Vittitow, Adam Hall, Staph Horne, Jonathan Boyd and Sharon Decker

Nancy Thompson called meeting to order at 11:37 a.m.

A motion to approve the minutes from August 2009 by Sharon Decker and seconded by Bill Stutzenberger. The motion carried by unanimous voice vote.

Shannon Vittitow presented the Treasurer's report. A motion to approve the treasurer's report was made by Adam Hall and seconded by Steph Horne. The motion carried by unanimous voice vote.

Committee Reports:

Programs: -Recap of speakers lined up for the rest of 2009.

Community Service: -Staph Horne requested that the charity basket funds collected in the September Luncheon Meeting be set aside for use for postage for care packages to the US Marines.

Education: -Paula Bova discussed the round table event. Might have to push to November if October dates don't pan out. Steph Horne mentioned partnering the event with the Sale & Marketing Council from HBAL which meets at Ox moor Country Club.

Membership: - Shannon Vittitow presented a request from Freiberg Title Group to pay Quinn Bernhardt the \$100 membership contest fee since he request that Freibert join MBAL. The motion to pay Quin \$100 was made by Jonathan Boyd, and seconded by Paula Bova. The motion carried by unanimous voice vote.

A membership application was presented to the board from Anhouse Appraisal Group. A motion to accept this new member was made by Jonathan Boyd, seconded by Adam Hall. The motion carried by unanimous voice vote. Debbie Jenkins will receive \$100 membership referral bonus at next luncheon.

Another membership application was presented to the board from Stickelman, Schneider & Associates. A motion to accept them as a new member was made by Jonathan Boyd and seconded by Adam Hall. The motion carried by unanimous voice vote.

Alliance: -Pamela Farmer noted that a committee has been formed for the Taste for Home Ownership Wine Tasting in February 2010.

Communications: -Debbie Jenkins: A press release will be put together by the Communications Committee and submitted to Steph Horne for release to the local press regarding the Care Package Collection for US Marines during the September and October Monthly Luncheons.

Legislative: - Adam Hall discussed that the Secondary Market should begin to level out.

By-Laws: Jonathan Boyd questioned if a vote could be taken by membership regarding in particular issues. By-Laws were reviewed, at this time; the By-Laws would need to be updated to this reason.

Nominations Committee: Discussed that the 2010 Slate of Officers would be presented in the upcoming September Luncheon and added to the September E-newsletter.

New Business:

- Nancy Thompson asked the Board to consider a budget review and discuss if sending Vice President to the MBAL Convention in October would be possible. Jonathan Boyd made a motion to allow for \$4000 to be spent towards sending the incoming president to the State & Local Convention. Adam Hall seconded motion and the motion carried by unanimous voice vote.

- A discussion began regarding the Gala Event. The board needs to provide Sharon Decker with leads for a Keynote Speaker for the Event. Adam Hall suggested Regina Lowery with MBAL or Mayor Abramson. It is agreed to also for silent auction baskets to be received prior to Thanksgiving. Our goal is to receive 20 silent auction baskets/items or money from memberships. Shannon will place a sign up sheet at the next luncheons for silent auction baskets. Also to place a sign up sheet for sponsors for sponsorship levels with sponsorship forms and silent auction basket suggestions. Sharon and Shannon will get together to discuss specifics on sponsorship levels. Also we need to select a charity for which half of the silent auction funds would be given to after the Gala. A decision to poll membership at the next luncheon was given. Sharon asked if any other Special Recognitions need to be made at the upcoming Gala Event.

- Holiday Party entertainment planning is in full swing. Sharon Decker suggested booking the West End Boys Choir for the event. A motion to check into the group for entertainment was made by Jonathan Boyd, seconded by Bill Stutzenberger. The motion carried by unanimous voice vote.

- A discussion began about guests at the MBAL Board Meetings begin by request. The board's view is that the meetings are closed to board members only, but guests can address the board during the beginning of the scheduled meeting once their topic has been approved in advance and placed on the meeting agenda by the President. The guest is to give their presentation, should not stay for the meal or entire meeting and is given a time frame. A motion to amend the Policy & Procedures was made by Jonathan Boyd, seconded by Bill Stutzenberger and carried by unanimous voice vote.

- Nancy Thompson requested that the board decide on a Luncheon Meeting format to be followed at each meeting of membership. After discussion it was decided to have the membership stand for the Pledge of Allegiance, followed by an Expression of Universal Gratitude/Meaningful Message, followed by acknowledgement of all Past MBAL Presidents in attendance, and finally acknowledgement for all guests.

Meeting adjourned at 1:52 p.m.