

January 20, 2012

OAMJHSC Executive Board Meeting

Oklahoma Visitor Center I-35 & I-44 Interchange

Oklahoma City, OK

Executive Director Larry Ravenscroft called the meeting to order at 9:05 AM. All Board Members and Officer Schools were present with the exception of Annette Wagner from Maple (Region I) who was coming and in touch via phone.

Introductions included:

Board members

Region 1: Annette Wagner, Maple Schools, Maple (enroute)

Region 2: Angelia Pasdach, Sequoyah Middle School, Claremore

Region 3: Alisha Ridenour, Durant Middle School, Durant

Region 4: Anne Beck, Dibble Schools, Dibble

Region 5: Angela Dudley, Brink Junior High, Moore

Region 6: Kendra Rakes, Central Junior High, Moore

Region7: Cathy Howard, Metro Christian Academy, Tulsa

Region 8: Kelli Roberts, East Central Junior High, Tulsa Public Schools

Officer Schools - Sponsor

President : Jenks Middle School- Larry Ravenscroft

Vice President: Frederick Middle School – Sumantha Lawson

Secretary: Moore Central High School - Kendra Rates

Parliamentarian: Moore Highland East Junior High – Heather Armstrong, Jennifer Blevins

Historian: Moore Brink Junior High- Angela Dudley, Brooke Perez

Immediate Past President School – Poteau Patsy Kidd – Nancy Ellis

The Agenda was rearranged somewhat to allow Nancy Ellis to present a Fall Conference 2011 wrap-up and return to Poteau where she had obligations later in the day. Monetarily the Conference came in under the estimated budget and only two schools still owe registration. Those have been contacted

and should pay soon. Nancy asked to turn Kellyville over to the Board for collection. They were registered but did not attend nor cancel.

Discussion was held and many positive statements made concerning the 2011 Fall Conference. Poteau again showed that a school's size, location or community need not be a barrier to hosting and excellent conference. Appreciation for Poteau's hospitality was expressed.

Some suggestions for improving participant's experience were placed on the table. Kendra said she would like to see kids paired – everyone in her group had a different schedule and some were reluctant to travel alone to workshops. Larry would like to see kids have more choice of workshop. Kendra suggested that workshops be listed and somehow pre-registered so that a maximum number attending could be established and they could be closed when full. The logistics of that proposal were explored.

The minutes of the previous OAMJHSC were read and approved. The Treasury report was deferred and will be discussed as business.

Executive Board Officers were elected as follows:

President -	Kendra Rakes
Vice President	Kelli Roberts
Secretary -	Mary Alice Ingham

Whether to hold a Spring Conference for sponsors was tabled briefly while the financial picture of the organization was brought forward. The most recent Financial Report indicated grave circumstances leaving a bank balance of \$3,999.72 effective 1/17/12. There are pending expenses which threaten to drain existing funds and which certainly provide a dismal starting fund for the 2012 Fall Conference.

Discussion over accounting fees being charged by the new firm, Stanfield and O'Dell , resulted in phone calls directly to the firm with inquiries over our contract. Angela had a copy of the contract and spoke with the firm about our concerns. She will present a synopsis of her findings at the next board Meeting.

Ideas on raising revenue were entertained. Cathy moved that we raise the membership dues to \$75 per school. Angelia seconded and the motion passes unanimously.

Angelia moved that the yearly membership period be changed to July 1st through June 30th of each year. The motion was seconded and not opposed, passing unanimously.

Kelli suggested that we extend "early bird" rate of \$65. to schools paying the annual membership before June 30. No motion was made at that time . Kendra suggested that greater publicity concerning the benefits of membership, a regular newsletter, ideas for fundraising and pictures would help "sell" membership. Anne said that she would send Google Docs instructions to help implement such publicity.

To whom and how this information would be distributed was discussed. Larry moved, "Regional representatives will submit a list of schools in your region with a minimum of one contact name &/or e-mail to the webmaster by the Spring meeting". Kendra seconded and the motion was passed. Board Members agreed to provide this information to the webmaster by the Spring meeting. A map of these regions will be posted by that time.

A Spring Conference was then discussed. Kendra proposed May 4th. The conference needs to be at a free venue, in a central location, possibly include a small fee of \$15 to \$20, and be worthwhile. The sponsor roundtables done in OKC and at Tulsa were helpful to new sponsors. Board members could conduct a roundtable over a topic of their choice.

The next Executive Board Meeting will be held immediately before or after the Spring conference. Those logistics may be explored a little later. It was also mentioned that in the past board Members donated door prizes which they bring to the conference.

Anne will do the 1st newsletter for OAMJHSC publicity. It was suggested that the responsibility be passed throughout the board. Kelli will generate a form letter about the Spring conference. Alisha suggested that possibly two letters would be needed, one for active members and one for potential members.

Kendra said that the details for the conference and further discussion could be conducted via e-mail and that sentiment was generally agreed upon. She also asked that the topic of choice for Roundtable be submitted to her.

A motion to dismiss was made by Kelli and seconded by Angela. The meeting was adjourned at 12:02.