

OAMJHSC Executive Board Meeting

January 24, 2014

Oklahoma Tourist Welcome Center

Oklahoma City, Oklahoma

The meeting opening at 9:35 with Larry Ravenscroft , Executive Director, welcoming all present. Introductions were made and all board members with the exception of Angela Dudley (Region 5 –who is currently out of the country) were present. Also in attendance were April Daniels and Amanda Deemer, President School Sponsors for 2014, Judy Smith, Vice-President School Sponsor 2014, and Brenda Callahan, Past School Preident (2013).

There was no reading of the minutes since the last Executive Board Meeting was cancelled last spring. Larry Ravenscroft and Kelli Roberts did report on their trip to McAlester meeting with Michelle McCormick , former Puterbaugh Middle School sponsor and her plans for the 2013 Fall Conference.

Some discussion on possibly extending the Executive Board’s officer term to 2 years was held, but it was generally conceded that with the Regional Representative’s even-odd election pattern, such a move would not be practical. Executive Board officers were elected by acclamation. They include:

President	Alisha Ridenour	Durant Middle School, Durant
Vice President	Angela Echard	Western Heights, Oklahoma City
Secretary	Mary Alice Ingham	Andrew Jackson, Tulsa

Brenda Callahan, Past President School Sponsor – McAlester, presented a 2013 Fall Conference wrap up. She distributed a set of four hand-outs graphically displaying the Fall Leadership Numbers, T-Shirt orders, and Conference Expenditures. Some discussion of how the convention is financed, how funds are obtained, and how the officer schools need to correspond with one another was held. It was noted that a generous conference donation of \$5,000 was made by the Walton Foundation to Puterbaugh Middle School. Brenda’s presentation was thorough and informative. Brenda was appointed Student Council sponsor in August 2013 since Michelle McCormick and her husband had left the district and moved to another part of the state.

Brenda was hardily congratulated on having stepped up to such a challenge and hosting such a successful convention. Her work was appreciated by all.

The 2014 Officer Schools include:

President	Moore West Jr. High	Moore, OK
Vice-President	Carver Middle School	Tulsa, OK
Secretary	Jenks Middle School	Jenks, OK
Parliamentarian	Frederick Middle School	Frederick, OK
Historian	Brink Jr. High	Moore, OK

Larry Ravenscroft presented the Financial Report. The board was elated to learn that we currently have a balance of approximately \$29,000.

Alisha Ridenour has many items from last spring and is eager to use them in a Spring Conference for sponsors. She will check on the availability of a regional library located in southeast Oklahoma City and inform us of both venue and date. She would like to pursue the roundtable format and possibly include a speaker . Alisha mentioned that the Choctaw Nation has a program titled SAFE which is free to any Middle School . She will check with her contact and possibly arrange a presentation for sponsors at the spring meeting.

Amanda and April will check on accommodations near Moore for the next Executive Board meeting. Mary Alice Ingham will check on the possibility of having the overnight board meeting at the Postal Training facility in Norman. All will report back to Larry with their findings.

The Moore West sponsors reported on plans for the 2014 Fall Conference. They have selected the theme “ Leaders Rise” . The theme ties into the community’s experience and will showcase Moore. At present there are three possible venues (all are Moore schools), but a last minute cancellation prevented confirmation of venue. Possible dates include November 6-7; 13-14; and 20-21 however it was suggested that the later is very close to Thanksgiving. Larry reminded us that the conference does not have to be held on Thursday-Friday, but could be held at another time in the week if that would help secure a venue.

April and Amanda confirmed that they have a graphic designer working on the graphics, printing and screen print. They have some Thunder connections and would love to incorporate a professional game into the conference; however, the schedule has not yet been set . It was

suggested that speakers be upbeat and interactive if possible. Camfield Productions was also suggested as a possible main event.

The sponsors will bring the board up to date at the next Executive Board meeting and present a working budget at that time.

Within the Open Forum the subject of Honor Council was discussed. Board members looked at the Oklahoma High School Student Council Award for Gold Chapter and discussed the pros and cons of a similar application for OAMJHSC. Alisha Ridenour felt that regional participation was an unfair requirement. Many present even board members have few schools active within their region.

She also wishes to change the requirement of 5 points to apply for Honor Council. She states that it places too much pressure on the sponsorship. Instead she proposes that any school who pays the membership fee be eligible to apply for Honor Council.

Further discussion on Honor Council will be held at the next Executive Board meeting.

It was also suggested that instead of a live skit being required for each school running for office that a council could make a video. Possibly they could have a choice of either live skit or video when running for office. Further discussion and consideration of the matter will be made at the next board meeting.

The meeting was adjourned at 11:40.

Respectfully submitted,

Mary Alice Ingham