

Prairie Winds Orff Chapter
May 6, 2023
Minutes

Attendance: Sarah Jensen, Renae Mosbrucker, Lacey Roberts, Niki Bernier, Gwen Hall, Caitlin Nicks, Jesslyn Hall, Alisha Wohl, Becky Maloney, Rachel Frank (virtual)

Approval of April 15, 2023 Minutes

Motion to approve Niki Bernier, second Gwen Hall

Treasurer's Report:

Updated: Savings \$2,819.97 as of 4/30/2023

Update: Checking: \$2,808.74 as of 4/30/2023

Motion to approve Sarah Jensen, second by Renae Mosbrucker

Old Business

1. Bylaw Refresh

- a. Can anybody be part of the bylaw refresh?
 - i. Tiffany English suggested too many hands would complicate things
 - ii. Gwen Hall stated even the entire board was too much.
- b. Board was recommended to keep it to a small group of board members
- c. Three person committee
 - i. Niki
 - ii. Alisha
 - iii. Caitlin
- d. Process
 - i. Committee
 - ii. Board member approval
 - iii. Brought to membership
 1. Goal date-first chapter share

New Business

1. New Board Members- 2023-2024

- a. Sarah Jensen- Assistant Program Chair
- b. Secretary

Caitlin Nicks Noticed there was a mistake with voting. Looking at bylaws and duties, then noticed that the secretary is a 2 year term. Talked to Tiffany English, she gave a couple options...

1. Co-chair position (Jesslyn finishes 2nd year term, Rachel finishes 1st year term,

- Rachel finishes 2nd year the next year)
2. Jesslyn finishes the full term (one more year)
 3. Rachel does the full 2 year term, honoring the membership vote.

Discussion Held

- Niki thanked Caitlin for being transparent about bringing the mistake to the open. - Caitlin thought that we are trying to be adamant about following the bylaws, that we need to follow what we have.
- Niki- if we talk about following the bylaws, we should have followed that at the beginning
- Caitlin- Tiffany also mentioned that doing a co-chair for a year honors the bylaws and the voices of the members.
- Alisha- hard to go back on it when it has been a one year position -
 - Krista Jacobson secretary 2 years
 - Caitlin Nicks secretary 1 year → to VP
 - Jesslyn Hall voted each year since
- How do we move forward?
 - Alisha- if this is something we have been doing for years, how can we go back on it
 - Rachel- not necessarily opposed to the co-chair situation, will do whatever the majority of people want.
 - Jesslyn- okay with a co-chair situation, but it depends on what the majority wants

Motion to have co-chairs for the following years by Gwen Hall, died because of no second.

Motion to honor the vote of the chapter by Sarah Jensen, second by Niki Bernier
In Favor-6, Opposed- 2

Further Discussion

- Gwen said driving a distance for years, three kids, has missed once. - Making things as a commitment (Gwen)
 - Niki said putting judgment on people for not coming
- How can we have a voice if you are not attending
- Sarah- only come for a short amount of time, felt like it wasn't good enough for her to just be there a short time
- Start fresh- Sarah
- Met with so much resistance- Sarah

- Members not coming feel like they are judged from not coming - Becky- we all have our seasons, you're obligated to so many things and don't have enough to give to anything else.
- Gwen- had to go through membership and count local membership and National members
 - Had to count attending at least half of a chapter events to be an active member
 - Caitlin- that was removed this year
- Alisha- find ways to reach out to these outside members
- Sarah- the work on the website has been amazing

2. 2023-2024 Dates

- a. Possible Summer Social (Unsure of dates, watch your email)
- b. September 9th- Make and Take/Social/Recruitment Event
- c. September 30th- Joey and Andrea Coleman Workshop (Mix it Up with Form)
- d. November 18th- Chapter Share (Bylaw meeting)
- e. February 24th- Music Camp
- f. March 9th- Chapter Share
- g. April 13th- Chapter Share

Fulfills the requirement for the amount of meetings set in the current bylaws.

3. 2024-2025

- a. BethAnn Hepburn- October 12, 2024
 - i. Sarah- is there a different option, since she's been here

4. Unified Fee Structure

- a. No More local membership fee
- b. Pay membership of National AOSA
- c. PWO would change a workshop fee (currently membership fee) d. A designated amount would go to AOSA for workshop attendees who are not National AOSA members
- e. Must be invited to chapter share by a paying members
- f. Discussion

- i. Thought process from National AOSA?
 - 1. Conference presidents meeting- they said it kicks back to all of the members to benefit from conferences, PLN, etc.
 - ii. Concern it could decrease membership
 - iii. PWO sets the workshop fee
 - iv. Whatever we charge over the workshop fee for national AOSA

members, coverage goes to National AOSA??

- v. Reach out to other chapters of similar size to us to find out how they are working with the unified fee structure
- vi. Meet with region reps to figure it out.
- vii. Needs to be implemented by 2023-2024 school year.
- viii. First year teacher/students have a different benefit for national membership
- ix. Students still get free membership from AOSA and will benefit PWO

Motion to adjourn Sarah Jensen, Becky Maloney seconds

Submitted by Jesslyn Hall