

ALPS EXECUTIVE COUNCIL MEETING
JANUARY 4, 2008
TORREYSON LIBRARY, UCA

Chair Lynaire called meeting to order at 10:33 a.m.

Present: Chair, Lynaire Hartsell; Past Chair, Brenda Van Dusen; Chair Elect, Kim Hillison; Secretary, Melanie Allen; Treasurer, Elaine Contant; Historian, Donna Rusher; Reg. I Rep, Danalene Porter; Reg. II Rep, Joyce McCain; Reg. IV Rep, Latonya Jones; Reg. V Rep, Vicky Moss; Conference Committee, Kareen Turner, Anna Estes, Donette Smith, Sandra Hooper, and Sherryl Robinson.

Absent: Reg. III Rep, Jamie Melson; Reg. VI Rep, Trish Miller; Reg. VII Rep, Ruthie Pride; Reg. VIII Rep, Linda Cunningham; Reg. IX Rep, Loretta Edwards; LSSIRT, Sandy Olson.

Quorum: Yes

Minutes:

Minutes from the November 2nd meeting were distributed through email. Linda was not listed as either present or absent. Jamie had questions about why there were two sets of old business and new business. Chair Lynaire explained that we had closed the meeting and were discussing over lunch some things we had forgotten to talk about. After lunch she called the meeting back to order and that is why there are two sets of new and old business. Brenda moved minutes be accepted with changes made. Kim seconded. Motion carried.

Chair Lynaire reminded everyone that to be a member of the ALPS Executive Council that you must be a member of ArLA.

Officer Reports:

Chair Lynaire attended the ArLA meeting in December. They had their leadership exchange. They are planning a retreat for the February meeting. She thinks this will give her the opportunity to understand.

Past Chair, Brenda had no report. She says they are still working but at a slow pace.

Regional Rep. Reports:

The Regional Reps that were present had nothing to report. Loretta sent an email that she has sent libraries in her region letters about the scholarship. When she hears back from them, she will submit a nomination.

Treasurers Report:

Elaine reported that we have an ending balance of \$5,103.38 in the checkbook

account. We haven't submitted our year end receipts. We still owe \$550 for Sandy Olsen's scholarship. The ArLA account hasn't changed. We still have \$4,777.83.

Committee Reports:

Benevolence: Linda has sent out Birthday, Thank You and one Sympathy Card. We used \$2.41 postage.

Scholarship: We will be giving 2 full and 2 partial scholarships to ALPS this year. They are hoping to get the forms posted this week. There was a discussion about a double occupancy scholarship. This brought up another discussion about Loretta possibly sending out an email for roommate searches for those who can't afford to get a room by themselves. Sandra was asked to write that up and send it in to Loretta.

Chair Lynaire said that she had received a letter of resignation from Melanie Allen. She is resigning so she can fulfill her new duties as Secretary. Lynaire also received a letter of appreciation from Mary Ferris White from National Park Community College thanking ALPS for covering Brenda's expenses at conference this year. She is very supportive of the organization. Lynaire sent a letter to Kathe Altazan from Baxter Library in Mountain Home for allowing us to meet there in November.

Old Business:

There was a question about the last minutes concerning if we had a quorum or not. It's posted as one more than half on the website, but in September it was recorded that quorum requirements change from a simple majority to "a quorum meeting the standards of the ArLA Bylaws," being that five members of the Board including the President shall constitute a quorum.

InfoBits: Donna reported on the different sessions. Loretta has posted information and PowerPoints on the website. Lynaire said that the Leadership Panel (Brenda, Loretta, Jamie and Trish) presented a session about getting ready for a leadership role.

Officer Changeover:

Chair Lynaire had everyone introduce themselves stating where they were from and their positions as outgoing and incoming. She welcomed all new members. Lynaire handed out "tokens of appreciation" to all members. Brenda then presented Lynaire a gift from everyone thanking her for everything she has done and for stepping in early as Chair. Donna congratulated Brenda for being Paraprofessional of the Year for 2007. Lynaire asked everyone to start thinking of nominations for Paraprofessional of the Year. We had one year that no one was nominated.

New Business:

InfoBits: Brenda said she and Loretta had met with some ladies from UofA at Monticello and that maybe we could have next year's InfoBits there. They are waiting on a response from UofA at Monticello. Donna also said that we could have it at Garland

County Library. Lynaire said we also needed to start thinking of programs.

Lynaire wanted to remind everyone that Executive Council meetings are every other month not every month as written in November's minutes. March 7th meeting will be at the Alma Public Library. July 11th's meeting will be at the U of A Fayetteville. She is trying to get the May meeting at Mt. Magazine. We have not scheduled a location for the other meetings but the dates are May 2, Sept. 5 and Nov. 7. The ALPS conference will be May 12-14 at Mt. Magazine.

Lynaire adjourned meeting at 11:13pm.

Conference Committee met after lunch.

Melanie Allen, Secretary