

AGA Chapter Executive Committee Meeting Minutes February 27, 2012

Submitted by Mary Anne Queen, Secretary

The Chapter Executive Committee for the Nashville Chapter met on Monday, February 27, 2012, in the 15th floor conference room of the James K. Polk Building.

Attendees

Chapter Executive Committee (CEC) members present: Shirley Henry, President; Ray Register, President-Elect; Melvin Jones, Immediate Past President; Mary Anne Queen, Secretary; Kayla Shewcraft, Treasurer; Keevia Battle, Hank Clay, Cynthia Setters, Corey Tester, Rhonda Williams, Jerry Durham, David Lannom, Valerie Oliver, Scarlet Sneed, and Britt Wood.

Committee members present: Penny Austin, Gerry Boaz, Ellen Dunkin, Karen Hale, and Eugene Hampton. Tammy Fruscione attended via conference call.

Call to Order

Shirley Henry called the meeting to order at 11:29 a.m.

Agenda

Shirley had emailed the agenda to everyone earlier in the day and asked them to print out the agenda and bring it to the meeting with them. She offered copies of the agenda at the meeting to anyone who did not have a copy.

Minutes

Mary Anne Queen had previously distributed the draft minutes for the January 30, 2012, CEC meeting. No one had any corrections. The minutes were considered approved.

Strategic Plan

Shirley said that she had sent the overall Strategic Plan out for comment (with track changes and asked for changes by February 21. She reported that she sent the revised Strategic Plan out prior to today's meeting. A motion was made and seconded to approve the revised Strategic Plan, and the CEC voted to approve.

Reminders to Committee Chairs and Co-Chairs

Shirley asked that Chairs and Co-Chairs provide a list of their committee members to Jeff Hughes so he can award points, to Keevia Battle so she can include them in the history report, and to Scarlet Sneed and Cynthia Setters so they can plan the committee appreciation lunch.

Shirley also asked Chairs and Co-Chairs to provide Ray Register with the names of any new members (joined chapter since May 1, 2011) on their committees so that Ray can report credits for the Chapter Recognition Program.

Reports from Officers and Committees

Immediate Past President

Melvin Jones, Jr. announced that he presented the chapter's check to Alex Green Elementary for their mural project.

Secretary

Mary Anne Queen thanked Rhonda Williams for taking the minutes for the January 30 CEC meeting.

Treasurer

Kayla Shewcraft distributed the comparison of budgeted vs. actual expenses through February 24, 2012.

Accountability Outreach

Chair Karen Hale said that she was considering offering a citizen-centric report contest.

Awards

Chair Jeff Hughes was unable to attend but reported that the scholarship application form is online, and the deadline to apply is March 30. The committee is also accepting nominations for national awards (see article in the chapter's February Newsletter for details); any nominations must be submitted to Jeff by March 30.

CGFM

Chair Jerry Durham announced that all CGFMs in attendance at the March chapter meeting will be recognized at the meeting. In addition, all CGFMs will be recognized in the March Newsletter. Jerry reported that the CGFM Committee has been recording the training materials for Exams 1, 2, and 3, and there will be 48 hours of training. They are working on downloading the recording onto disk. Eugene Hampton suggested that the training be made available for downloading on a SharePoint site.

Community Service

Chair Tammy Fruscione announced that the Elephant Sanctuary fundraiser will continue through the first week in March. They have received over \$500 in donations so far.

Members will assist at the Nashville Rescue Mission on February 29. They have enough volunteers, but monetary donations are still being accepted.

Members will be manning the phone banks for the Channel 8 Pledge Drive on March 8. All volunteer positions are filled for this as well, but donations are welcome.

On April 26, 27, and 28, there will be opportunities for volunteering and/or participating in the Music City Marathon. Information will be forthcoming about this volunteer opportunity.

Tammy recognized that Melvin presented the chapter's check to Alex Green Elementary.

Early Careers

Shirley said that she was pleased with the great turnout of Early Career members at the February chapter meeting with 18 in attendance.

Education

Co-Chair Corey Tester announced that an audio conference would be held next week. Gerry Boaz will get with Jan Sylvis regarding the Oracle workshop. He said they are considering a June date.

Meetings and Attendance

Co-Chair Scarlet Sneed announced that 140 people attended the last chapter meeting. There was discussion of an issue that arose from that meeting. Two people attended the meeting but did not understand that the chapter charges for the meal. It was decided that modifying the instructions on the online registration site was not necessary.

Scarlet provided information regarding a prospective contract with the City Club for the monthly chapter meetings. The cost of the meals will increase. Kayla Shewcraft suggested that CPE should be offered if the costs were to be passed on to the attendees of the meetings. There was discussion of other possible meeting locations. Co-Chair Cynthia Setters said that she contacted the Doubletree and the Sheraton, and they were not interested in accommodating monthly meetings. Gerry Boaz suggested asking the City Club to consider lowering rates if we would agree to a multi-year contract.

Membership

Co-Chair Eugene Hampton announced that membership as of 2/23/12 is 362. The chapter started the fiscal year with 365 members and has 29 new members and 7 returning members. National's goal is 383.3 total members, 36.5 new members, and 328.5 members retained. The chapter has met the retention goal. It appears that the National Office has reviewed the chapter's membership list and removed 3 memberships that expired in March 2011. There are no new or returning members since the last meeting.

Newsletter

Penny Austin announced that items for the newsletter are due to her by Friday, March 2.

Program

Co-Chair Britt Wood presented the following options for the spring social:

- TPAC Screwtape Letters - \$49.50
- Chaffin's Barn program - \$41.00
- Predators game - \$41.00 and all you can eat
- Sounds game - \$25 and all you can eat buffet. Date would be Saturday, April 14.

The Sounds game was selected as the best option. It was decided that the event would be free to members and only \$5 per guest.

Chapter Meeting

Britt announced that the speaker for the March chapter meeting is Andrew Valentine, CFP, Senior Vice President, Morgan Stanley Smith Barney. CPE will be available. Mr. Valentine will have a PowerPoint presentation. His charity of choice is the Nashville Opera Association. Shirley asked for someone to introduce the speaker, and Gerry Boaz volunteered. Jerry Durham will do the invocation. The head table will consist of Shirley, Andrew Valentine, Gerry Boaz, Jerry Durham, Penny Austin, and Rhonda Williams. Karen Hale, Jerry Durham, and Britt Wood will make announcements.

Adjourn

The next CEC meeting was scheduled for Monday, April 2, 2012, and the meeting was adjourned at 12:18. Shirley adjourned with the following quote for the 2011-2012 Leadership Team, which was selected in honor of Black History Month:

“Challenges make you discover things about yourself that you never really knew. They’re what make the instrument stretch – what make you go beyond the norm.”

--Cicely Tyson
American actress