

AGA Chapter Meeting Minutes

March 13, 2017

Submitted by Donna Jewell

The Nashville Area Chapter held its meeting at the Double Tree Hotel on Monday, March 13, 2017.

President Angela McElrath-Prosser called the meeting to order and welcomed everyone. Jerry Durham gave the invocation.

Angela announced that the minutes from the last luncheon are on the website and would be considered approved if no one had any changes.

Angela introduced the individuals at the head table: Lauren Plunk; Lee Pope, Speaker; Michael Winston, CGFM Chair; Melissa Lahue; and Penny Austin, Past President. In honor of CGFM Month, Angela also asked all CGFMs to stand and be recognized.

Angela recognized the members who had brought guests to the luncheon and each member introduced their accompanying guests.

Lauren Plunk introduced the speaker, Lee Pope, Deputy Open Records Counsel for the State of Tennessee. His topic was “Transparency in Tennessee: Public Records and Open Meetings.” In appreciation for speaking to the chapter, the chapter will make a donation to End Slavery Tennessee in Mr. Pope’s honor, his charity of choice.

Angela then called for announcements from the various committees.

Announcements

Awards

Angela announced that the chapter still has scholarships available. Anyone interested should refer to the website or ask Charlotte Gentry for details. The deadline is fast-approaching – March 24th. Nathan Abbott also announced that the Middle Tennessee Chapter of Certified Fraud Examiners has scholarships available and information is on that chapter’s website. The deadline for these scholarships is May 12th.

President-Elect

In Britt Wood’s (current President-Elect) absence, Penny Austin read off the proposed slate of officers for next year. They are as follows:

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| President-Elect | Michael Winston | |
| Secretary | Gay Oliver | |
| Treasurer | Jennifer Garroute | |
| Two-year directors | Katie Armstrong | Veroncia Coleman |
| | Donna Jewell | Jai Sawlani |

One-year directors

Chase Tramel
Keevia Battle
Donna Nicely
Doreen Zientar

Charlotte Gentry
Victor Nwanso

If anyone would like to submit another person's name, fifty member signatures are required by the end of the week.

Community Service

Melvin Jones announced that we have two upcoming events at Alex Green Elementary. One is on Wednesday, March 15th, and will honor those students with excellent behavior. Volunteers are welcome. In addition, they will have a field day in May. More information will be coming in the near future.

CGFM Month

Michael Winston announced that March is CGFM Month. We are honored to have more than 100 CGFMs within the Nashville Chapter. Current CGFMs should have received an email recently that there is a new CGFM badge that may be added to LinkedIn or email signatures. This badge is verifiable, so interested parties can click on the badge to verify that the holder is an active CGFM.

Renewals for CGFMs are due March 31st. We will have a drawing to refund two members' CGFM fees at the April meeting.

For future CGFMs, exam subsidies and study guides are available. Contact Michael for information.

Membership

Charlotte Gentry reminded us that members who have accumulated 25 membership participation points will be entered into a drawing for a trip to the National Professional Development Training held in Boston this year.

In addition, those who have accumulated 30 points AND have renewed their membership by March 31st will receive a \$45 rebate on their membership dues from the chapter.

Education

The next webinar will be on April 12th on Ethics.

Program

Debi Moss announced that the Spring Social, the Classic Mystery Tour with the Beatles, still has the possibility of getting a few more tickets. She will be sending out information soon as a final call for those who are interested. Tickets are \$33. Members' tickets will be subsidized by \$20 (lowering the cost to \$13) and guests' tickets will be \$33.

Door Prize

Penny Austin won the \$25 door prize.

There was no further business and Angela declared the meeting adjourned.