

## **AGA Chapter Executive committee Meeting April 10, 2014**

*Submitted by Carrie Blair, Secretary*

The chapter Executive Committee for the Nashville chapter met on Thursday, April 10, 2014, in the 16<sup>th</sup> floor training room of the James K. Polk Building.

### **Attendees**

Chapter Executive Committee (CEC) members present: Rusty Lacy, President; Ray Register, Immediate Past President; Carrie Blair, Secretary; Kay Ulmer, Treasurer; John Dunne, Chas Taplin, Michael Edwards, Jerry Durham, Margaret Walker.

Committee members present: Scarlet Sneed, Karen Hale, Nathan Abbott, Barry Monson, Tammy Fruscione, Sandra Brown.

### **Call to Order**

Rusty Lacy called the meeting to order at 11:45 a.m.

### **Agenda**

Rusty had emailed the agenda and had some copies on hand.

### **Minutes**

Rusty asked if anyone wanted changes to the minutes from the previous meeting, none were offered. John Dunne made the motion to pass the minutes, Kay Ulmer seconded the motion. A vote was taken and the minutes passed.

### **Reports from Officers and Committees**

#### **Immediate Past President**

Ray Register – had nothing to report.

#### **President-Elect**

Michelle Earhart – was not present.

#### **Secretary**

Carrie Blair – had nothing to report.

#### **Treasurer**

Kay Ulmer – has nothing to report.

#### **Accountability Outreach**

Gerry Boaz was not present but he emailed the following statement: [I discussed the CCR program with UTM professor Darlene Adkins.](#) She was going to talk to her colleagues to see how they can incorporate this CCR project into their curriculum.

Also, Doug Bodary (CTAS) indicated that Bedford County has agreed to participate in the AGA Citizen Centric Report if CTAS assists them with preparing it. MTAS (Jim Thomas) met with City Manager Tim Ellis and Assistant City Manager Julie High of Goodlettsville and discussed the citizen-centric report with them. Tim also included the City's communication director in the meeting. Jim explained how MTAS was considering working with our Nashville AGA chapter to promote the use of the report and how he was asking them to serve as MTAS's test city for the project. All were receptive of the idea and, in fact, looked very favorably on it with Julie stating that she has been considering a report of this nature and was glad to see that a template already exists. They did commit to producing one but stated that it may be early summer before they move forward on the production of it due to other time consuming demands on their time right now (performance reviews, budget preparation, etc.) Jim told them that he was comfortable with an early summer time frame.

### **Awards**

Jeff Hughes was not present but Rusty had asked Jeff to email him with the details on the applications for awards. Rusty stated that last year there were 13 applicants for the AGA scholarships and this year there were 16 applicants. He stated that it seems that the trend shows an increase overall for applicants for awards. Rusty also stated he had responded recently to questions from National and his response to a question about a positive aspect of our chapter was the heavy involvement of the chapter members in community service events.

### **CGFM**

Jerry Durham stated that the chapter has applied to National for the National CGFM award. Jerry stated that he had done some research on the CGFM scholarship the chapter awarded. He stated that he thought there was a definite correlation between the scholarship recipient and the people that went on to gain the CGFM designation. He stated that it might just be that someone motivated to apply for the scholarship continued that momentum to gain the certificate. He also stated he felt the Nashville chapter was doing pretty good with growing the number of CGFM designees.

### **Community Service**

Tammy Fruscione stated that the Marathon was the next event and that donations and volunteers are still needed. She also stated that the Habitat for Humanity event would be May 17<sup>th</sup> and they had all the volunteers they needed but monetary donations could still be made. She stated that the Alex Green project, with Melvin Jones as lead, was ongoing and that the Bravo luncheon would be coming up soon and some folks had been identified to attend. She stated she would provide slides for the luncheon and would also be making announcements.

### **Corporate Sponsorship**

Jennifer Garoutte was not present.

### **Early Careers**

Margaret Walker had nothing to report.

### **Education**

Chas Taplin stated that 40 people attended the audio conference on April 9<sup>th</sup>. He also stated that the last audio conference would be May 21<sup>st</sup> and the topic would be ethics.

## Finance

Andy Furlong was not present.

## Meetings and Attendance

John Dunne stated they wanted to provide updates on the venues for the upcoming year. He provided a comparison for the two venues for consideration: Doubletree Hotel and Nashville City Club. Below is an excerpt:

Venue	Two Entrée Buffet	One Entrée buffet	Single Entrée Plated Lunch
Doubletree Hotel	\$32.24	\$27.28	\$26.09
Nashville City Club	\$30.00	\$28.00	\$28.00

### *Other Information:*

*Both potential venues should be able to accommodate us.*

*Doubletree has a minimum guarantee of 65 people and would be able to accommodate over 200 people, which was necessary for the joint meeting this year*

*City Club does not have minimum guarantee and can accommodate up to 180 people in their ballroom.*

*City Club will provide water and tea; there would be an extra charge if we want coffee to be served at the meals.*

John said the Doubletree's price has gone up from \$29.74 to \$32.24 for the two entrée buffet. John said the Doubletree space would accommodate more people which was needed for the joint meeting. John said their recommendation was the Doubletree provided better service and more consistent quality of food. He suggested if we wanted to cut costs, we might want to scale back the food option and go with Doubletree. Barry stated that the L room at the Nashville City Club was not a good setup for the meeting. Margaret Walker stated that she's never minded the single entrée plated lunch and that might be an option. Rusty asked Kay if we had the money in the budget to cover the increased cost of if we would need to push the cost out to the members. John stated that the Doubletree had blocked off the second Tuesday in the month and we needed to let them know by April 15<sup>th</sup> if we were going to go with them. Scarlet stated that the buffet option was a better option so that people could at least choose something for their meal. Kay Ulmer made a motion that we choose the option of the Doubletree with a two entrée buffet for \$32.24 per person. Ray Register seconded the motion. The members voted and passed the motion.

Scarlet stated that the count was up to 80 for the next luncheon.

## Membership

Jennifer Whitsel / Kandi Thomas were not present.

## Newsletter

Karen Hale stated the deadline for the newsletter is April 18<sup>th</sup>. She also stated that a drawing will be held at the next luncheon for a \$50 prize for article submissions and there were five eligible for the prize, excluding hers.

## Program

Barry Monson stated that all tickets for the Wicked event were sold and distributed. He also said that all the details for Bill Miller's visit were taken care of.

**Website**

Nathan Abbot stated that any updates should be sent to he or Dan Willis. Jerry Durham stated that Nathan had assisted him with revamping the CGFM page on the website.

**President**

Rusty – stated that Bill Miller will arrive late Sunday and a few were going out to dinner with him. Bill will be staying at the Doubletree and leaving on Tuesday. Rusty also stated Melinda Parton will be introducing Bill at the luncheon. Rusty asked for suggestions for the raffle donation to the PDT in Orlando this summer. Tammy Fruscione suggested a small basket of goodies.

Rusty discussed the last luncheon and how he wanted the awards to set up. He stated that he had heard back from a few of the retirees to be recognized at the last meeting. He said there would be a small token for each. Scarlett stated that she needed the names of the retirees attending so she could add the number to her count for the meal.

Scarlet mentioned that a committee appreciation luncheon would be held sometime in May. She stated that an email would be sent out to committee heads for them to identify members that should be included in the invitation.

**Adjourn**

The next CEC meeting is scheduled for Thursday, May 1st and Rusty adjourned the meeting at 12:30 p.m.