

Michigan Guardianship Association

Board of Director's Meeting

Friday, March 14, 2008

(Two Men and A Truck Offices)
3400 Belle Chase Way
Lansing, Michigan

1. Call to Order by President Sue Darling at 10 a.m.
2. Roll Call.
Present: P. Fosdick, M. Fraleigh, M. Kopin, R. Lantz, N. Puri, M. Smith , D. Brown , S. Darling, M. Dombos
By Phone: A. Chapman, C. Henny, C. Bieri, G. Callis, D. Jacobs
Excused: D. Erb
Guests: S. Burnham
3. Agenda was sent by email and approved
4. Minutes corrected (date), then approved.
5. Treasurer's Report was verbal from C Henny via phone, sent to meeting by fax. 1099's will be done and sent out. Balance of \$44,466.78 reported. Video/CD balance was \$990.00.
6. Administrator Report was sent via email. Discussion of Q & A section for Web and Newsletter, i.e. Medicaid funding, issues solicited from members, suggestion to touch base with Calhoun County for input, and with NGA Q's and A's.
7. Lobbyist: Georgia reported lobbyists are hired by the job, issue of registered guardians being mandatory for agencies/public guardians, will be on agenda in May and discussed @ Spring MGA conference.
8. Communications: C. Henny reported a request received for "ABC's of Guardianship" from Gladwin.
9. Committee Reports:
 - a. Education Committee: Conference items:
 1. Volunteers for Workshop speakers intros taken
 2. Auction items needed, C. Bieri reported some 30-40 items are being found
 3. Suggestion to line up credit card payments for auction
 4. Monies from donations and auction will be used for educational materials (DVD); scholarships, and speakers from distances
 5. Thanks indicated for use of room at 'Two Men and a Truck' , 10 % off conference exhibiting, spot on web-site, mention in newsletter
 6. Scholarships
MOTION by C. Henny to fund up to 6 scholarships, **support** by M. Dombos. Carried
 7. Exhibitors and prices
MOTION by C. Henny that Bronze to from \$600 to \$650 and Silver go from \$750 to \$800, **support** by D. Brown. Carried.

D. Brown: noted that economic stimulus check needs a tax return sent in using a simplified tax form.

8. Facilitators for sessions volunteered/chosen
- b. Membership: No report
- c. Legislation:
 1. S. Burnham from Kalamazoo, gave a legislative update report on current issues in progress (see handout).
 2. G. Callis volunteered to be on the work group on HB 5499, wards' bill of rights, so that guardians can give input.
 3. Discussion of MCR 5.12.5 dealing with noticing, currently forces poor clients to pay \$79.00 to give notice through legal news media.
 4. A Court order is necessary to get Guardian fee issues from Lansing; she gets a letter from her Judge to support the Guardians
- d. Communications Committee/Website:

P. Fosdick will get back with B Fisher on issues for May MGA report
10. President's Report: None
11. Old Business (Bylaws): Postponed until May Meeting
12. New Business: Meet 7 to 8 p.m. at the conference location restaurant at Shanty Creek on Wednesday, April 23rd.
13. **MOTION** by M. Dombos to adjourn, **support** by N. Puri. Carried.
Adjourn at 11:24 a.m.

Respectfully Submitted,

Sister Marie Kopin