

MICHIGAN GUARDIANSHIP ASSOCIATION

Minutes of the Board Meeting

November 16,2007

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7109 West Saginaw

Lansing, MI 48917

Board Members Present: Donna Erb, Diane Brown, Michael Dombos, Sr. Marie Kopin, Neelum Puri, Alicia Chapman, Marcia Smith, Sue Darling Michael Fraleigh, Carol Henny (via phone), Charlotte Bieri (10:35 via phone) Georgia Callas (via phone).

Board Members Not Present:Excused – Dawn Jacobs, Pat Fosdick, Ron Lantz

Consultant:

Barb Fisher

Call to Order: President Sue Darling called the meeting to order at 10:10

Approval of Agenda:

Motion to approve agenda as presented

Moved: Michael Dombos

Support: Diane Brown

Motion carried

Approval of Minutes

Motion to approve minutes as presented

Moved: Alicia Chapman

Support: Michael Dombos

Motion carried

Approval of Treasurer's Report

Moved: Michael Dombos

Support : Sister Marie Kopin

Motion carried

The credit card was briefly discussed, due to some difficulties late charges are being accrued. Barb will fax bill to Carol Henny, Carol will make online payment and Barb will send original bill and receipts to Carol.

Administrator's Report

See Attached

Please note that membership and the distribution of the newsletter is at an all time high. Barb requested that each board member make her aware of their plan to attend or not to attend a conf. also what scholarships have been given out and if the board member plans to bring someone with them.

Barb had two recommendations for the web site, adding the minutes and an up to date home page with news flashes.

Moved by Alicia: The administrator can make the appropriate changes to the web site.

Support: Sister Marie

Approved

Conf. Logistics

Vendor packets were briefly discussed. Charlotte will use standard packets only changing the place and the dates. There will be a flat charge of \$500 for exhibitors, Bronze-\$600, Platinum-\$750, Gold-\$1,000. Packets include one meal.

Sue questioned whom the packets and checks are to go to. Checks will continue to go to Carol H. She will fax the information to Barb. Mike F. suggested that Barb get Access line, fax goes right to computer.

Question of vendors speaking at conf. Donna moved that they not be allowed to speak at meals, motion was withdrawn.

Moved by Alicia: The president of MGA will introduce the platinum sponsor before dinner, thank them for sponsoring, sponsor will have 5 minutes to speak.

Support: Marcia Smith

Approved

Board thanked Charlotte for all of her work getting vendors.

Sue thanked all that had helped, especially Georgia for the letter writing campaign to keep fees at \$60.00. The \$60.00 will be retroactive to Oct. 1st. Sue sent thank you letters to the legislators involved (attached sample letter). Georgia informed the board that the lobbyist liked working with us and will consider a 3-month working period. The Legislative committee will make suggestion if they feel that the lobbyist are needed again.

Sue questioned if there was an issue in notifying members that lobbyist might be hired. Mike Fraleigh will investigate the question, possible that membership must be given the opportunity to opt out of dues if they disagree with lobbyists.

Communications

None

Education Committee

Workshops are set for Spring:

- 1) Discharge Planning
- 2) VA benefits
- 3) Judges Corner
- 4) Guardian's Corner
- 5) End of Life

- 6) Brain Injure
- 7) Cultural Diversity
- 8) Benefits for non-citizens.

PLEASE REMEMBER WHAT SPEAKER THAT YOU VOLUNTEERED TO OBTAIN. ALL SPEAKERS AND BIOS MUST BE TO BARB BY DEC. 10TH.

Moved by Sister Marie that conference feels will be \$150.00 for the Spring conf
Support: Alicia
Approved

Membership

Sister Marie will ask Dawn to help her on the committee.

Alicia suggested raising the membership dues. Donna disagreed due to the economic conditions of MI. Barb reported that the present dues are covering present costs. Michael F. opined that MGA would need to justify higher dues.

Moved by Sister Marie: Keep the dues the same and revisit the issue in the fall of 2008.

Support: Carol H.

Approved

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Legislative Committee

Sue contacted Representative Style's committee. MGA is still on the committee, problem has been corrected.

A legislative update will be given at lunch at the annual meeting in the Spring.

Communication Committee

Pat was unable to attend the meeting, no report.

President's Report

Sue requested that Carol H. bring checkbook to next meeting so that some checks can be signed.

Meeting dates for 2008 have been set. See attached.

Old Business

NGA has a new contract to be signed. See attached. Alicia reported that there is not much change, more formal language.

Motion Diane: Sue has the authority to sign the contract and return to NGA.

Support: Michael D.

Approved

New Business

For clarity, Michael Fraleigh will be known as Mike, Michael Dombos will remain Michael.

Motion to Adjourn Sue Darling
Support: Diane
Meeting adjourned at 11:50.

Respectfully submitted,

A handwritten signature in cursive script, appearing to read "Donna J. Erb".

Donna J. Erb
Secretary