***BOARD MEETING – SPRING CONFERENCE – HOLIDAY INN NORTH, WEST CHESTER, OH. APRIL 26, 2017***

President Joy Bedard welcomed everyone and called the meeting to order at 6:30 p.m.

**ATTENDEES:**

Joy Bedard, President, Grove City Ja’net Crawford, Vice President, Montgomery

Marcia Soos, Treasurer, Shadyside Rebecca Rosenbalm, Secretary, Monroe

June Allison, SW rep, Yellow Springs Kathy Kaluger, SE rep, St. Clairsville

Kathi Cole, NE rep, North Olmsted Karen Goaziou, NW rep, Put-in-Bay

(in absence of Sonya Morrow) Molly Schwartz, CE rep, Pickerington

Joanne Regis, Past President, Martins Ferry Linda Lutts, Education Committee Chair, Sharonville

Absent: Sonya Morrow, NE rep, North Ridgeville

**OLD BUSINESS:**

Joanne Regis readdressed the Association contributing ½ of member registration fees for the Spring and Fall Conferences in 2017. This was discussed at the Fall Board Meeting in 2016. Sadly, this was an oversight and Marcia Soos motioned to help offset the cost of the Ashland 2018 Conference because that is a greater expense for municipalities. All board members were in agreement and motion passed.

Secretary Becky Rosenbalm presented the board meeting minutes from the fall conference, dated September 21, 2016. No additions or corrections were made to the meeting minutes.

Joy asked if the Association is tax exempt. Marcia advised we are and she will email the Tax Exemption form to Joy and Becky. Kathy Kaluger motioned to approve the minutes with a second from Molly Schwartz. The minutes were approved.

Treasurer Marcia Soos presented the treasurer’s report dated April 27, 2017 with an ending balance of $45,682.91. Marcia also presented the report on the Education Committee Fund. This fund is showing a loss after the Fall Conference in 2016. This was in part because the cost of the hotel was more than anticipated, along with the evening banquet plus food costs. The Education Committee Fund is just grouped into the Association’s account. June Allison made a motion to stop separating out the two and just keep everything grouped together in the main treasury with a second from Ja’net Crawford. The motion was approved. Marcia asked if the board would approve her to destroy membership dues forms and old conference registrations as they are no longer needed. Molly Schwartz made a motion to destroy everything 2015 and prior with a second by Kathi Cole. Kathi Cole motioned to approve the treasurer’s report with a second by Molly Schwartz. The report was approved.

Linda Lutts presented the Education Committee Report. The fall conference is scheduled for September 21, 2017 and September 22, 2017 at the Columbus Marriott, Airport location with a rate of $134.95/night. This is the last conference that will be held here. Speakers are almost finalized. The Education Committee is scheduled to meet again on June 16, 2017 in Grove City.

Linda thanked Joy Bedard and Amanda Parker of the Education Committee for all their hard work checking out 2018 conference locations.

Kathy Kaluger asked if we have a long term contract with Ashland University and Linda advised we do not, it is re-evaluated year to year.

There was some discussion as to why the fall conferences are in Columbus. This is noted in the by-laws and it was discussed that the board would meet following the Education Committee meeting on June 16 to review this.

Joy Bedard mentioned having a sponsor for an evening event/outing during our conferences such as a baseball game, etc. It was determined that the Education Committee would discuss this further at their meeting.

**NEW BUSINESS:**

The 2018 Ashland spring conference will be held at the Nationwide Hotel and Conference Center in Lewis Center on April 18-20, 2018, with a rate of $139/night for a single room and $149/night for a double room.

The 2018 fall conference is scheduled for September 20, 2018 and September 21, 2018, and the location is to be determined.

Joy Bedard mentioned that it is time for a Nominating Committee and there are 2 representatives needed from each region.

Molly Schwartz motioned for the meeting to be adjourned with a second from Karen Goaziou. The meeting was adjourned for the board to assemble conference packets at 8:35 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Rebecca Rosenbalm

Secretary