

Hostelling International-Michigan Council: Meeting Minutes, May 19, 2010

Meeting convened: 7:30 p.m. at Central Park, Milford

Board Members in Attendance: Michael Dwyer, Michael Willihnganz, Mollika Basu Biernat, Jay Biernat

Board Members Not in Attendance: Nate Hill, Melissa Smith, Janel Yamashiro

Other Members in Attendance: Al Heavner (Emeritus)

Agenda:

- HI presentations
- Delegation of the duties once handled by Joan Smykowski (former HI employee)
- Paddle to the Symphony
- HI Michigan budget
- Discussion of the HI annual meeting

Presentations:

- Mollika, Mike D., Bob Holly, and Danita are presenters
- Discussion of presentations to be done per year (fiscal or yearly), Mollika will check on number of contacts with presentees we have for the year and Mike D. will contact and follow up with all presenters and venues
- A maximum of six compensated presentations will be done per year as per unanimous vote
- Joan used to report to HI National, do scheduling for presentations, and do follow ups, Mike D. will assume responsibilities
- Motion passed for an honorarium of fifty dollars, to be given to presenters (including board members per the by-laws) for travel and time
- In order to receive full honorarium, presenters will coordinate their presentations
- Free presentations will only be done when taken under advisement and decided by the board
- Advertising will be facilitated by a press release if possible

Delegation of HI employee duties

- Without full time employee, the board will take different direction
- The HI internet has been discontinued, board members will use their own
- Phone and fax lines have also been discontinued
- The HI cell phone has been reduced to the lowest cost plan and Mollika has possession of the phone
- Mike D. and Mollika are handling HI email
- The HI Michigan newsletter will be printed on paper for 60 subscribing members and also sent out as an email attachment to all HI members
- Mollika will compile and send the Beacon
- Board will handle Bikes and Hikes, Paddle to the Symphony, Girl Scouts, campus coordination, and communication:

- Social networking
- Members passing away
- Website
- Beacon
- A list of all the current members is needed and they need to be contacted in person
- The CDR has soul access to database, one person contacts Dave and gets access to the website. Mollika will be the CDR person.
 - Mike D. and Mollika 1st and 2nd the motion
 - Mike W. and Jay deciding votes
- For Bikes and Hikes, the cost for HI members is \$1 while the cost for non-members is \$2
- Trip leaders will provide one check for all signing up along with sign in sheets

Paddle to the Symphony:

- Al Heavner's proposal of a plan for Paddle
- Al has the shelter pre-reserved for the event. Cost: \$150
- Change: Mike W. has checked on the shelter and plans are solidified
 - Proposed that HI has a part while Al organizes the event
 - HI will have hand in organization, caterer to be contacted
 - Date for The Paddle will be June 25, 2010, HI michigan will make it work
 - Al has staff that can work the event
 - Cost for patrons to be decided; likely same for both paddle boat and canoes
 - Mike D. will set up pay pal for the event
 - Al would receive the Money for the canoes and leave the rest to HI
 - HI will front the money for the paddle boat \$270
 - Registration to be handled by HI
 - Volunteers will stay behind to make sure shelter is buttoned down
 - The point is brought up about the need for food, it is decided we should have it. Mollika will handle caterer pricing.
 - Recapped cost for last year's Paddle
 - Cost this year is \$35 per person, Al needs \$40 a canoe: Motion carried

Budget:

- Bikes and Hikes: \$500
- Presentations: \$300
- Girl Scouts: \$1000
- Contributions: \$500
- Investments: \$450
- Special events: \$400
- Travel: \$2000
- Mollika will talk to PNC bank about a CD to make more on investments
- Hi Michigan currently has \$118,256

Annual Meeting:

- HI Michigan has to check with National on who attends the conference and who pays

- Annual meeting will be announced at Paddle, there needs to be two weeks notice before the meeting
- Location of the meeting TBD, some ideas are: Bailie's in Troy or the Highland House

Other business:

- Reimbursement for attending board meetings: proposed \$25 per person per meeting
- Try to lower insurance payments
- Pass motion for Mollika to meet with accountant and and shop around prices

Mike D. motions to adjourn and Mike W. seconds the motion

Meeting Adjourned: 9:30 p.m.

Meeting Minutes respectfully submitted by Jay Biernat, Secretary.