

Steering Committee Meeting Minutes
5-21-08

Previous minutes accepted.

Treasures report

The Old Saw is on budget.

-Symposium \$300 check for food, supposed to be refunded. We spent \$1043.87.

-took in \$400 in raffle, but paid out \$100 for presenters' fuel costs.

-\$5000 gain in scholarship fund, need to spend more.

Old Saw Report

May have reached plateau of 500 members.

Minuteman has committed to same 10 cent per page pricing.

Postal rates increased 3 cents per envelope.

17 cents per member per year.

Have used variable issue lengths. Works well with woodworking season.

180 pages is Jim's personal limit.

Jim recommends option #4 on hand out specifying page lengths per issue.

Move to accept option #4. Accepted unanimously.

Jim talks about offering the position of associate editor to read, check, edit, and layout work with pictures, as well as find new authors

Move to create position of one or more associate editors to collaborate on the production of the Old Saw. Accepted unanimously.

Dave Anderson

With the costs of the Old Saw going up Dave suggests a dues increase to \$35 a year.

Discussion

Do we need money when we don't spend all we bring in?

We will get more aggressive with scholarship fund.

We rely on unpredictable income outside of dues which go almost exclusively to The old Saw.

Need to order membership cards.

Move to recommend the Guild increase dues to \$35 in 2009/2010 memberships. Accepted unanimously.
Will be voted on by members at annual meeting.

Sal Morgani

Making 2009 schedule

Next symposium May 16 2009

Talk about audio visual committee, need to find someone to take charge, and be reliable.

Also need to have video organised for symposium.

Furniture Masters Funding

John Whiteside email discussed.

Jon siegel explains FM school and maketing are different, school is non-profit, they do work in prison outreach.

Dave questions the performance over the years.
Guild should support educational outreaches.

Scholarship Peter Breu

Numerous scholarships in the works.
2 Pinkerton students have applied for Jack Grube scholarship, but as general scholarship. Begins discussion about the scholarship. Need to talk about further.
Request for Jon Siegel to work at proctor.
Franklin High needs tools.
Still need to put more effort into publicizing scholarships.

Symposium- disappointing turnout. Maybe subject to marketing.
Maybe move it to November.

Sunapee Mike Noel and John Faro

7/8ths of the way there
Need a few more volunteers
Will be sending the name lists to the league
Raffle items are taken care of
Will be picking up tools and benches

Website

Assigned articles for the website
Discussion about allowing members to pay online
There is a \$1.17 charge on the \$30 membership
Some fear that Paypal can freeze funds

Motion to allow members to pay for membership online, so long as Paypal accounts are separate from other guild funds. Accepted unanimously.

There will be an opt in membership only portion of the website that will allow members to communicate.

Discussion on changing the date of when we accept memberships for the following year.
Decided to leave the date at June 10

Roger Myers will manage photo gallery but wishes to drop the audio video sections for the time being.

Technical update

Domain name/ website services have been upgraded and are now less expensive.