

09/27/2017

Meeting was called to order at 8:12 PM

Members present introduced who they are and what chapter they represent

Pledge of allegiance

Thank you MMOTA board for hosting tonight, we appreciated all of your efforts.

Greetings and Introductions

Past Presidents announced and recognized:

Ruthie August- West Suburban-also Past President of National

Gerry Zablatzky- Dedham

Kathy Johnson- Founding

Recording Secretary: Leah Bunnell

Minutes of Previous Meeting accepted as Read with corrections

Vice President: Julie Dupont

Not all club updated their information, the club spent \$221 on copies that were out of date as soon as they were printed. There were 25 copies of the directory but members were warned, the information was out of date. From here on out, directories will not be printed as they are available on the MMOTA website. The directory is available as a PDF for individual printing. This will save money for the club and means as soon as information is saved on the website, it will mean the change is reflected immediately

Treasurer's Report: Kristen Potter

Has report for file:

Beginning Balance \$7997.56

Income \$51

Expenses \$1658.82

Ending Balance \$6389.78

Savings Balance 8442.40

Total Balance \$14832.14

Membership Report- open

Nichole Duggan stepped down before transition meeting; Bernie is actively looking for some one to take the role. There will be no more mailing in of chapter membership reports, it will now be online.

Attendance 18 member

Dedham Regional- one delegate, one past president

Founding Chapter- one past president

Greater Nashua- one delegate, one officer chair, one past president

North Shore- two delegates, two officer chairs

North Suburban- one president, two delegates, one officer chair

West Suburban- one president, one delegate, one officer chair, one past president

It was announced that Greater Worcester has dissolved.

Parliamentarian- open

Jan Merson will be filling in, Mom's Career award will be due October 10th

Executive Secretary- Jan Merson

nothing to report

Convention Coordinator: Kristen Potter and Julie Dupont

(see below)

Convention 2017 Greater Nashua- Leah Bunnell, Kim Simonich, and Angie Callbeck

email address: MMOTAconvention@gmail.com

Second call- Registration and charity/raffle donations sheet was handed out. Kim Simonich went in-depth about Baby T: Kelly Willamburg's granddaughter who is not yet born but will have to have heart surgery after birth. The family has temporarily relocated to Boston for the baby's birth and surgery. In addition, Kelly's husband (baby T's grandfather) was struck by a car on the way home from work and passed away. Kim has donated a Samsung tablet and Angie has donated a quilt. All proceeds of the raffle will go directly to the family.

Leah Bunnell said donation letter will be emailed to past presidents, current chapter presidents, and delegates. Room rates are set for all weekend because another set of rooms was opened up. Kim Rosenberg confirmed.

Convention 2018- North Shore

nothing to report

Historian Ginni Babaini

absent

Hospitality- open

duties are to find who will bring food for the meetings

September; Hosted by MMOTA Officers

March Meeting- North Suburban

May Installation Meeting- Founding will host

Jewelry- Carla Gambon

Leah Bunnell will email graphic asap

Outreach- Angie Callbeck

She sent out a few things but the summer was pretty slow.

Webmaster- Kathy Johnson/Kristen Potter

The directory online is the most up to date;as clubs update, that will be updated as well. All the convention info and career award applications are both online and Facebook.

Liz Law asked if minutes be made available online before meetings so members can have a refresher on the previous meeting. It was agreed that minutes with draft watermark or something indicating they

have not been approved or corrected until accepted can be posted on the password protected website. After the president's letter and agenda have been emailed out, these can also be added to the password protected site.

Unfinished Business

Betty's letter- Bernie has written the letter. As Betty is not here, we will wait for her to be in attendance and will not read it tonight. It will be emailed to her and so she can indicate if it should be read at the May meeting.

New Business

Our National Reps are as follows:

Kathy Magner North Shore- Convention Committee

Kathy Johnson- Founding- Publicity Chair

Angie Callbeck- Greater Nashua- Research committee's

Ruthie August- West Suburban- Entertainment/Music committee

Heather McCarthy- Hampden County- convention committee

Trisha Mroz- Greater Nashua- Bereavement coordinator

West Suburban Name Change- State Seal

An example of the state seal is needed. The parliamentarian should be in charge but the notebook is missing. Liz has been in touch with National's Parliamentarian to make sure they aren't in violation of by-laws. Bernie will call Linda Smith and Judy Cimildoro to see if they have the seals. If not, Bernie will be checking into getting a notary printing services to make a new seal. Liz would like to have a new charter by November 1 so she and her chapter can have until the end of November to update the name and will have time to plan on an emergency if a new seal cannot be procured. The president's book was lacking the information about the seal, hence the delay. The board are trying to get binders into a digital format so that things don't fall through holes. Liz is asking name change rules be rewritten so that this does not happen to the next chapter who wants a name change. Bernie will update the notebook and rules.

Jan Merson needs state binders from each club at convention

Gerry Zablatzky said we need to discuss where meetings are held.

For 50+ years it was in the Natick/Framingham area to be in a in a central location. She feels it should be a membership vote instead of a board vote. It was stated that there was nothing in the by-laws that indicated a vote must be held.

Melissa DeSimone plugged information into let's meet in the middle and said the middle point of clubs that had more than a couple of members, was the Bedford/Burlington area.

Bernie explained why the the board thought we should move our location. Scott Hall had changed rate from \$150 to \$180. The board tried to look for some place cheaper but was unsuccessful. Whitney Place was looked into but they have a regular meeting every 3rd Wednesday so it is not available for our meetings.

We can look into the Bedford/Burlington area

Ruthie August stated there was a contract signed. She felt since it was under 30 days, it would have been nice to have had advance notice. We were not charged a cancellation fee because of Ruthie's relationship. She felt she was put on the spot. Bernie apologized for giving short notice.

It was asked that members should only be in contact with Bernie with problems and please keep it civil.

Kim Rosenberg agreed with Melissa's research is good to look in the Burlington area. We can also look into the Lexington and Waltham areas, really anything off 128. Melissa will help look. Unitarian Universalist churches will be called.

Liz suggested that who ever is hosting should be responsible for where we meet. Ruthie had to cancel the contract but she should not have been put in the position. It was agreed that from now on whoever chooses the venue should be signing any and all contracts. It was stated that some one on the board should sign the contract.

Ruthie will cancel March and May meetings at Scott Hall
March will be at the MEG building if needed
Founding will be hosting Installation

Jan Merson- If Greater Worcester has dissolved we need their books

Melissa DeSimone stated that they have a very active club. She asked if there was any type of way to designate active vs inactive clubs. She wondered what the more inactive clubs were contribution to state and also what does the state organization have to offer to its clubs? It was stated that dues were what designated a club as an active clubs.

The issue of small clubs (eg 5 members) having the same number of votes as a large club (eg 200) creates an imbalance. There will need to be a by-law change to update that. It was suggested that either a 1 per 50 member vote or a 1 per 25 member vote be added to the president and delegate vote. It was suggested that we go back to a sign in sheet that indicated what position each person held so there could be two name tags, one for a non-voting member and one for a voting member. For that to work, the membership secretary would need to verify membership.

It was decided that this would require a sub-committee to come up with ideas. It was stated that the executive board would not be on the committee. It was suggested that at the President's Meeting at convention, a conversation could be started that would then be taken to each chapter's boards and members for their ideas and discussion of the proposed changes. It was suggested that a by-law vote be either held at convention or May installation as those are our two most attended meetings.

It was announced that there may be a back-up for the cooking and there is a 20 person limit on the painting workshop for 2017 Convention.

GerryZablatsky made a motion to adjourn and Julie Dupont seconded. The meeting was adjourned at

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