

MARC Regional Meeting
San Antonio, TX
Saturday, July 18, 2009

Board members present:

President, Sandy Lee
Treasurer, Margene Holtze
Recording Secretary, Deana Walters
Pat Ludwig, Communicator
LeAnn Wray, Parliamentarian
Jan Rahn, Jr. Pat President
Pam Grenard, Chaplain
Kate Sala, ESA Foundation Counselor
LaDonna Beck, Ways and Means Chairman

Board Members absent:

Brenda Meyers, Vice President
Glenna Segall, Web Master

Birdie Elkofska did the housekeeping prior to the start of the meeting, i.e. seating for State Presidents and Reps, report to secretary for attendance information and to turn off cell phones or put on vibrate.

Jan Rahn, Jr. Past President introduced MARC President, Sandy Lee. Sandy called the meeting to order at 1:05pm and the opening ritual was said.

Pam Grenard, Chaplain announced that we had lost Past MARC President Fern Logan in April and she asked that we have a moment of silence in remembrance of her. She then gave the thought for the day.

President Sandy introduced the current MARC board in attendance. She also recognized those officers who could not be with us.

President Sandy then recognized the MARC Past Presidents in attendance and thanked them for their service.

Deana, Recording Secretary read the roll call. It is as follows:

| STATE | Members in State | Members present at this meeting | State President | MARC REPS | Alternates |
|--------------|-------------------------|--|------------------------|------------------|-------------------|
| Illinois | 497 | 7 | 1 | 2 | 0 |
| Indiana | 440 | 7 | 1 | 2 | 0 |
| Iowa | 80 | 5 | 1 | 1 | 1 |
| Michigan | 54 | 10 | 1 | 0 | 2 |
| Minnesota | 133 | 8 | 1 | 1 | 1 |
| Missouri | 297 | 6 | 1 | 1 | 1 |
| Nebraska | 110 | 3 | 0 | 1 | 2 |
| Ohio | 105 | 3 | 1 | 0 | 2 |
| South Dakota | 156 | 4 | 1 | 1 | 1 |
| Wisconsin | 90 | 6 | 1 | 2 | 0 |
| TOTAL | 1962 | 59 | 9 | 11 | 10 |

Madam President we do have a quorum present.

LeAnn Wray, Parliamentarian read the rules of the meeting. She moved that the rules be accepted as read. It was second by Rozanne Robertson of Indiana. There was no discussion. Motion carried.

Deana, Recording Secretary made a motion to dispense with the reading of the minutes as they were electronically distribute to the Executive and General Board. The motion was seconded by JoAnn Zaleski of Michigan. There was no discussion. Motion carried.

President Sandy asked for any corrections. There were none.

Mary Parr, Minnesota asked if minutes were on the Web site. They currently are not. It was requested that they be put on the Web for the entire membership to review. Web master will publish the minutes on the Web after being approved by the President.

Margene, Treasurer. Balance on hand Oct. 5, 2008 was \$6,750.25. Checks written from Oct 5th to Oct 11th was \$252.53 leaving a balance of \$6,497.72 as of October 11, 2008. Total income was \$7,921.58 and total disbursements were \$5,256.11 with an ending balance of \$9,163.19. Copy of report attached to minutes.

President Sandy recognized Claudia Hatton of Missouri. Question was concerning jump drives purchased. They were approved the year before, but were not purchased for all officers. Communicator had one and it has been passed on.

No further questions, the Treasurer's report will be filed for audit.

Birdie gave us a story to make us smile.

Margene present the proposed budget for 2009-2010. First column is the 2008-09 budget that was approved at the Conf. This was not a balanced budget. The \$6,000 was actually what was anticipated to pass on, not actual income and needs to be removed leaving the total income to be a \$6,800.

Next, the expenses show a balance of \$12,800 and in the expenses you will see the Contingency Fund of \$1,585.00, which really is not an expense, it is saying this is the carry over for the following year. We are really going from \$6,000 to \$1,585 for the anticipated balance from the beginning to the end.

Look at the Speakers fee of \$2,500. Michigan did not request therefore cannot be shown as income as it was not disbursed. The \$750 was disbursed and was paid back so it would be shown as income.

The next column shows the expenses that have been received and paid thus far. The fourth column will show if we are over or under budget. Leadership conference did well. Items that we know will not be needed have been taken out. Ohio will not need the Conference advance payment or the speaker's fee advance. Therefore we will not be paying that out, therefore will not be an income item for next year. If the remainder of the expenses that are under budget are paid, we will have an amount to carryover of \$4,868.96 for 2009-2010. We are trying to reach a balance budget and are trying to cut as many expenses as we can to obtain a balance budget. We are not there yet, but we are working toward that.

Review of the budget for 2009-2010 is as follows:

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| Income: | Ways and Means is budgeted as | \$1,800.00 |
| | Pins (never know how many will sell) | 50.00 |
| | Conference Profit | 1,500.00 |
| | Total Income | \$3,350.00 |
| Expenses: | (Many of which have been reduced compare Budget for 2008-09 to 2009-10) | |
| | Advance for Conf. Site | \$ 500.00 |
| | Advance to Speakers | 1,500.00 |
| | MARC Spring Board | 550.00 |
| | MARC State Conventions | 725.00 |
| | (Lowering - want states to pay as they do for IC reps and amount in budget will be used to pay for travel for the MARC reps) | |
| | Yearbook (will us folders not binders) | 200.00 |

All officers budgets were lowered – see budget attached to minutes for all numbers.

Expenses \$6,170.00

Carryover for 2010-2011 will be \$2,048.96

This is the budget that all need to take back to the states and discuss and it will be voted upon at the Conference in Ohio in October.

IRS recommends that a not-for-profit organization have a carryover balance equal to at least 1 year's expenses. That is what we are trying to work toward. But we are not there yet.

President Sandy asked that the budget be discussed at the states and be prepared to pass the budget and we all need to work as closely as possible to continue to watch and or reduces expense when and wherever we can. We encourage all states to participate in auctions and push members to attend.

Question was asked about the bids sheets for W & M and it looks to be okay for 2 years. Looks like all bills for shirts have been paid.

Question asked about MARC reps at state conventions. Some states pay registrations, some don't. Some states put reps in comp room or maybe with state president. States need to become creative. MARC cannot continue to pay out all the costs for the visits. MARC officers/reps to states are paying money out of their pocket to visit the states. We need to be creative and hopefully states will also work to be creative also to have a rep. This year all officers and appointed officers were sent out so no one would have to have 2 trips with more expenses.

Question asked as to when books were closed for MARC. President Sandy stated they were closed on Saturday night of the Conference. We are striving to have all bills that are budgeted presented and have paid by that night. Only item may be the printing that the incoming President will have for her book.

Question, what expenses were paid out of that \$1585.00 contingency fund? They were expenses for Pres. at IC, ways and means bill there were not disclosed clearly at the board meeting and travel for regional president to one of states.

Question about 60-day lag in order to write checks. We are not closing accounts and opening new accounts. We bank at US Bank and going forward we will have to have minutes showing the results of the elections (this is with all banks now) and will have to coordinate with new President and new Treasurer via phone calls and/or emails to change officers.

President Sandy asked that all this information be communicated and will be voted upon at Conference in Ohio in October. Sandy and Margene will be willing to answer any questions that may come up. We have a great deal to digest and we need to make sure all understanding the financial status of MARC.

LaDonna Beck, Ways and Means Chairman – At the conference we are going ahead with the Chinese Auction and we are asking that each state donate at least 3 items valued from \$15 to \$25 each. We would like to have the Silent Auction with Craft or Homemade items. No value placed and will take all they we can. It will only increase our income. We will also have the Pot of Gold and they will be sold 6 for \$5 and it will be divided with MARC receiving 50%, 1st place will get 25%, 2nd place will get 15% and 3rd place

will get 10% of the money taken in. Will be also be selling MARC pins and we have 165 on hand. They are \$5 each. All MARC shirts will be finalized the end of this month. Turn around time should be quick. Order form on the Web site along with the color chart.

President Sandy encourages all to try to sell tickets from the ones who cannot attend and therefore all will be participating.

LeAnn Wray, Parliamentarian – I have one bylaw change. Coming from the MARC Board the following recommendation has been made that Article VIII – Duties of Officers and Article IX – Duties of Appointed Officers and Committees be moved to the Standing Rules. Reason so that changes and adjustments can be made easily. Please take back to the states and be ready to vote in October.

Pat Ludwig, Communicator – Hope all have enjoyed the ReMarcs as much as she has enjoyed doing it. Next deadline is August 1.

Kate Sala – ESA Foundation Counselor – Economy has hurt us but we are doing better than some. The 3 year rate -1.77% our endowment amount is \$5,000 and the total account balance is \$13,785.92 with a spendable account balance of \$8,785.92. Past we have given a \$1000 scholarship. We have a $-\$155.51$ going forward for 2010-2011. We have a choice to make. This was discussed at the Executive Board and the recommendation was made that we give a scholarship at a reduced amount of \$750.00 for the 2010-2011 year. Kate made a motion that we give one scholarship in the amount \$750.00 for the year of 2010-2011. Coming from a committee we do not need a second. Sandy called any discussion. Clarification made on balances and the S. Dakota donation. Sandy called for the vote. Motion carried.

Birdie- Morale Officer made us laugh again.

Jan Rahn, Jr. Past President- the nominating committee report. Jan thanked her committee. The following names have been received: President, Brenda Meyers from Ohio; Treasurer, Deana Walters from Indiana; Parliamentarian, Pat Ludwig from Michigan; Communicator, LeAnn Wray from Michigan. We do not have a nomination for Vice President or Recording Secretary.

President Sandy called for nominations from the floor for the office of Vice President. Emmy Neustrom of South Dakota was nominated and Mary Ann Hayes of Iowa was also nominated. Hearing no others, nominations for Vice President was closed.

President Sandy called for nominations from the floor for the office of Recording Secretary. LaDonna Beck of Illinois was nominated for the office of Recording Secretary. Hearing no others, nominations for Recording Secretary was closed.

President Sandy called for any nominations for any other offices. Hearing none, the nominations were closed. Qualifications of the candidates will be given to the MARC membership for consideration and will be voted on at the MARC Leadership Conference in October.

Joan Petticord of Ohio distributed the Conference booklet to the board and each state president and rep. Conference will be October 9-11, 2009 at the Holiday Inn in Fairborn, Ohio. Registration fee is \$118.00 and the room rate is \$92.00 per night from 1-4 people.

2010 Leadership Conference will be held in Indiana. Rozanne Robertson, Conference Chair presented the information. Conference will be at the Adams Mark located at the old airport in Indianapolis, IN on October 8-10, 2010. Room rate is \$109.00 plus taxes for 1-4 people. This will be celebrating 25 years of leaving our MARC on ESA. She encouraged all to bring a new person or another member who has not attended a MARC Conference. She distributed a silver coin and reminder card to share back home with your state membership.

Jan confirmed that Illinois has confirmed their bid for 2011 and we are in search of a courtesy bid for 2012.

President Sandy asked for any other business or announcements. Hearing none, she adjourned the meeting at 2:40pm thanking all for attending and hopes to see many at Ohio "The Wright Place to be". All in attendance recited the closing ritual.

Sandy Lee

Sandy Lee, President

Deana Walters

Deana Walters, Recording Secretary

Minutes were electronically signed.