Missouri State board minutes for January 30, 2022

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President Wright brought the meeting to order at 10:10 a.m.

Officers present President Shelia Wright, Vice President Melissa Kane, Second Vice President Jenny Carmack, Recording Secretary Becky Boyer, Corresponding Secretary Daniel Garcia, Treasurer Carol Coulter.

Board members present Gene Coulter, Dennis Miller, Jeff Giffen, Amy Wilson, Robin House, Randy Carmack, Gary Wunder. Chris Tisdal was out of town and not present through zoom.

Gene made a motion to accept the minutes as emailed. Daniel seconded and the motion was approved.

All the October 2021 action points were completed.

Carol read the treasurers report. Beginning balance $6644.21, ending balance $25,746.39, non-restricted funds $236,823.37, restricted funds $105,485.26. Randy made a motion to accept the treasurers report as read. Melissa seconded and the motion was approved.

Ways and means report Jeff Giffen. Each chapter will donate a $25 item for state auction at convention. Chapters will turn in their King and Queen funds on Saturday at convention. Gene made a motion to buy 80 T shirts for $1000 and sell the shirts for $20 each and the ways and means committee will decide if the larger sizes need to be sold at a higher price. Randy seconded and the motion was approved. The Show Me chapter and the state affiliate are sharing the cost and the profit of the T shirt sales.

Jeff made a motion to allocate $1600 to the Rittgers fund. Gene seconded and the motion was approved.

Bell academy report Debbie Wunder and Jenny Carmack. Two Bell academies will be held in 2022. Kansas City and Saint Louis is where both academies will take place from July 18th thru the 29th.

Sports and recreation report Amy Wilson. Minute to win it is being done starting January 31st till the Sunday before convention. During convention Amy will announce the 1st through 3rd place winners. Let Amy know by email if you want to be in the challenge.

Scholarship report Robin House. Deadline for scholarship applications is February 1st. There are 4 scholarship applicants at this time. There has been a change to the national scholarship amounts it is now $8000 across the board for all national scholarships.

Carol made a motion that any scholarship winner under the age of 18 must have a legal guardian attend convention with them. Jeff seconded and the motion was approved.

President Wright spoke about the Jefferson City seminar. The seminar is being held February 22nd and 23rd. Rosters and assignments will be sent out so the people going so appointments can be made. Fact sheets will be sent out the 1st of February. Court yard by Marriott is where attendees will be staying. The 3rd floor alcove in the state capital is reserved on Monday and Tuesday from 10:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m. Attendees need to pick up their folders from Rita. The certified mail bill HB 1564 has no committee assignment BRITE act bill HB2150 is not assigned to committee. Accessible prescription labels is needing sponsors in voting. The governmental affairs meeting will be on February 9th.

Voting accessibility Melissa Kane. The complaints about accessible voting are still being gone through by the Department of Justice.

Senior blind program Gary Wunder. They are wanting to bring blind seniors together by contacting senior centers, independent living centers, and nursing homes. Air BnB would be used to bring seniors together to receive technical training.

Convention coordination Gene Coulter. The 2023 convention will be held at the Hilton Airport Hotel in Saint Louis and banquet tickets will be $40. Promotion needs to be done for the 2022 convention to help meet the minimums that the Doubletree Hotel requires.

Carol made a motion that the state affiliate donate $100 to the Springfield chapter for hospitality. Randy seconded and the motion was approved.

Blind Missourian report Carol Coulter. The blind Missourian will be distributed soon after Jefferson City

Seminar and she would like for people to turn in articles about their experiences with the Washington and Jefferson City seminars.

Membership committee Becky Boyer. Some of the chapters had gained 1 or 2 new members. The committee will be holding a new members seminar on February 28th from 3:00 p.m..-5:00 p.m.

Data retention Gene Coulter. This project has been on going since 2016 the first platform used was not that accessible but now it is set up on google drive. There is a vast amount of information that can be found on the archive. Infomation will need to be continuously added to preserve the history of the Missouri affiliate.

Mission BEAM program Jenny Carmack. The entire program has been built from the ground up in creating the curriculum and writing the handbook. There will be a Mission BEAM workshop that takes place in March, and advertising for this event will begin the first week of February.

Melissa said the state is going to be installing new software to update their system. Legislators need to remember that the updated software should be accessible to everyone and this should be determined before changes are done. A letter should be sent to each legislator about the importance of software accessibility.

President Wright spoke about the Washington seminar being held February 7th through the 10th. There will be 10 appointments. Monday February 7th there will be a legislation information meeting from 1:00 p.m.-3:00 p.m. The great gathering will be at 5:00 p.m. This seminar is being held virtually.

Melissa Kane spoke about Wolfner Library in which Lesly Bowmen is not the head person anymore and the state librarian has been put in charge. Changes are being made by the state librarian which is causing patrons difficulties.

Gene made a motion to send a letter to the Governor to leave the position open. Carol seconded and the motion was approved.

Jeff made a motion to adjourn. Daniel seconded and the motion was approved.

Respectfully submitted

Becky Boyer

Recording Secretary

Action points for January 2022

Carol will allocate $1600 for Rittgers fund and will send the Springfield chapter $100 for hospitality.

President Wright will send a letter to legislators concerning the importance of testing new software for accessibility before it is installed.

President Wright will send a letter regarding leaving the position as the director of Wolfner Library open.