

**ORA Board Retreat – final**  
December 20, 2007

| Item                     | Discussion   | Action / follow up                           |
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| Call to Order            | Jaci called meeting to order 10:00 am / SW Center  |  |
| Approval of Minutes      | October minutes approved notes from November for discussion  | Kathy / Michelle                             |
| <b>Committee Reports</b> |  |  |
| \$\$\$\$                 | * Jaci to prepare a report for Michelle on turning over treasurer position.<br>* \$313.55 in bank account / \$303.30 is for Hickory county project<br>* Michelle will file a 990 with the IRS for 2007 as required   | Jaci & Michelle                              |
| Literacy                 | Jaci to ask Bill to prepare year end report on US Bank grant for board. (# People in program, success stories, presentations by gentleman, etc.)   | Jaci follow up                               |
| PR                       | Jaci will update website partner page with members, a blip about their org and a web link or phone contact.  | Jaci follow up                               |
| <b>Old Business</b>      | Wayne will ask for Alianzas money for advertising (brochure, etc.)   | Wayne follow up                              |
| AHEC grant               | Kathy will approach her board tonight about applying for the AHEC grant. She can subcontract with ORA to do part of the grant, such as hosting the train-the-trainer. Committee will meet with Regina Bowling in Jan.  | Wayne / Michelle                             |
| Bi-National health week  | Bi-National health week – no action this year. Jaci will send a thank you note and verdict to Katy and Christina and ask them to please keep us involved, and vice versa   |  |
| Board nominations        | Advertise all year, with app on web. At October meeting list on agenda, explain board requirements and expectations. Encourage attendees to fill out application or talk to someone else about doing it. Apps must be in by November 1 <sup>st</sup> to be considered. Nomination committee (board member as chair) will review apps / make nomination recommendations to board at November board meeting. Recommendations will be posted online. Members will vote at December meeting. Mail in ballots will be considered by board at later meeting. New board members take office in January for annual board retreat.<br>All, bring suggestions for additional board members to January board meeting. Jaci will call Maria Cepeda.<br>Board will start meeting bi-monthly (Jan, Feb, Apr, etc) before regular general meetings in Monett. | Jinny / Kathy<br><br><b>All bring ideas!</b> |
| Board retirements        | Jaci will write thank you letter and certificate of appreciation to Carol and Pat on their removal from board.   |  |
| <b>Adjournment</b>       | 11:10 meeting ended – committee work continued over lunch<br>Best deer sausage on the planet served to all -   |  |
| <b>New Business</b>      |  |  |
| Membership               | Membership – annual dues for agencies \$20 and for individuals \$10.00. Must fill out application, subject to board approval. Up front explain that it will go to support the organization.  | Need to vote on this<br>?Application?        |
| Meeting notice           | Jinny will prepare take away schedules to distribute   | Jinny follow up                              |
| Evaluation               | Jinny will attach a sample to notes  | Jinny follow up                              |
| By laws                  | Jaci to type up proposed bylaws changes (track changes) and post on web with statement inviting comment to be sent to board secretary by 5 business days before the next board meeting in January.   | Jaci follow up                               |

**Present:** Wayne Dietrich, Jaci McReynolds, Jinny Hopp, Kathleen King, Michelle Morris

**Absent:** Bill Arnold, Father David Miller, Carol Conway, Pat Weitz

**2008 tentative meeting schedule and ideas:**

Jan board meeting Mt Vernon 18<sup>th</sup> 10:00 am to noon  
No general meeting

Feb board meeting Happy House  
General meeting Happy House (Kathy) - Monett Schools?

Mar general meeting in Bolivar (Michelle) - topic?

Apr board meeting Happy House  
General meeting Happy House – topic?

May General mtg in Barton County (Jinny)?

Jun board meeting Happy House

Jul General meeting Happy House (Kathy) – Hmong culture?  
 Aug general mtg in Branson (Wayne) – Jim Wirth on tutoring program  
 board meeting Happy House  
 General meeting Happy House – topic?  
 Sep general meeting at Festival of Friends in Carthage (Jinny) – date Sept 13<sup>th</sup> or 20<sup>th</sup> (Sat), 4:00 pm – 7:00 pm  
 Oct board meeting Happy House  
 General meeting Happy House - topic?  
 Nov general meeting in Springfield (Jaci) – AA issues with Samuel Knox?  
 Dec board meeting Happy House  
 General meeting Happy House – board members vote; topic?

Jaci will send a blast email to members to ask what issues they want to hear about and/or if they have a particular speaker or program in mind.

Everyone needs to lock in speakers and get the following info to Jaci preferably by end of January so we can promote:

Date, time and location of meeting (with street address)

Speaker's name, title and agency

Program description

Stand-by presentation ideas:

MU Extension's Building Strong Families program

ORA's module learning system program

Tax update from Gladys

Jim Wirth – Ozarks' Cultural History

**Evaluation tool idea: one half sheet of paper only!**

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**Please share your thoughts about today's session:**

**Date:** \_\_\_\_\_

|  | Yes | Some | No |
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| The information presented was new to me.   |     |      |    |
| I will use the information in my work.   |     |      |    |
| I will use the information in my personal life.                                      |     |      |    |
| I would recommend this session to others.  |     |      |    |
| <b>Please list one thing you plan to do as a result of this session:</b>             |     |      |    |
| Please indicate how you have used information from Ozark Regional Alliance meetings. |     |      |    |

Additional comments:

**Thanks for your thoughts!**

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