

ORA Board Minutes April 18, 2008

Call to Order

The April meeting of the Board of Directors of Ozark Regional Alliance (ORA) was called to order at 10:16 am on Friday, April 18, 2008, at Grant's Restaurant in Monett, Missouri. The president chaired the meeting and took minutes for the absent secretary.

Introduction of Guests

No guests were in attendance.

Approval of Minutes

Tabled until next meeting.

Financial Report

The treasurer reported that two membership applications had been received.

Board Changes

Melissa Tiffany had expressed an interest in sitting on the board, but had to withdraw her application due to increased workload at her full-time job.

Jorge Zapata also stated that he would be unable to sit on the board due to his workload.

Committee Reports

Literacy – no one was present to report. A motion was made by Wayne Dietrich, seconded by Father David Miller to send a letter to Bill Arnold requesting how funds from the US Bank grant have been spent to date and asking what plans he has for the remaining approximately \$300.00 in the ORA account. The letter should state that if there is no response within 30 days, the funds will be absorbed into the ORA general fund. Motion carried. Wayne will send a draft to Jaci McReynolds to mail to Bill.

Communications – Jaci stated that she is struggling to keep up with the listserve, the newsletter and the website, along with the duties of the president. The board suggested stopping the newsletter and using the website as the primary source of information, then using the listserve to send out updates.

The board offered to help update the address list by each taking a piece of the list and trying to track down people and correct contact information.

The board also agreed to send blips on upcoming meetings to their contact lists, along with a general blip about what ORA is and the mission statement, in order to try to increase membership.

Financial/fundraising – No report.

Old Business

Membership and Dues – Michelle will create a certificate for membership. She will also create a membership database with the contact information that is provided and will share that database with the Public Relations committee. She will also invoice all current members at the end of the year as a reminder to renew their dues.

HELP Grant – Kathy reported that Barry County received the two-year grant from the Missouri Foundation for Health. She would like assistance from 2 or 3 board members as she does interviews to hire the staff person.

2008 Meeting schedule – The schedule was updated to include a July meeting on the role of the church in cultural integration. Father David will organize the meeting, along with a meal of ethnically diverse foods. Board members are requested to bring support items like plate ware, ice, drinks and desserts.

Adjournment

The president adjourned the meeting at 11:35 am.

In attendance: Jaci McReynolds, Wayne Dietrich, Father David Miller, Kathleen King and Michelle Morris