

MINUTES OF THE ATOS BOARD OF DIRECTORS TELEPHONE CONFERENCE
WEDNESDAY, JUNE 11, 2008
8:00 p.m. E.D.T.

President Double called the meeting to order at 8:00 E.D.T.

Officers Present: Ken Double, President, Bob Evans, Secretary, Paul Van Der Molen, Treasurer. **Excused:** Craig Peterson, Vice President. **Board Members Present:** Vern Bickel, Mike Cierski, Jelani Eddington, Michael Fellenzer, Allen Miller, Don Near, Donna Parker, Doug Powers, Carlton Smith. **Absent:** Tyler Morkin, Youth Representative. **Staff Present:** Jim Merry, Jeff Weiler, Dennis Unks, Jonas Nordwall. **Guests Present:** John DeMajo, Bucky Reddish, Steve LaManna.

President Double declared a quorum.

The minutes of the April 21 telephone conference were approved.

Old Business:

Indianapolis Convention Update:

- As of June 11, 2008 476 people have registered for the convention.
- Instructions for people driving will be given out at the registration desk.
- Afterglow tickets will be given out at the registration desk.
- Members must attend the afterglow sessions for which they register.

Survey Update:

- About 10% of the surveys are returned. This is about an average number.
- Many of the surveys featured handwritten comments making data entry take much longer.
- Hopefully the analysis will be ready for the board's annual meeting.
- The survey for chapter officers is almost done and will be administered via the Internet.

Theatre Organ Mailing Update:

- The U. S. Postal Service has changed the regulations for overseas mail. All overseas mail is not sent airmail. This change in regulations created a large increase in the last overseas mailing of the journal. Jeff Weiler and Paul Van Der Molen are investigating means by which to alleviate this sharp increase in postage.
- Paul Van Der Molen illustrated the increase by saying that the cost to mail 279 of the last issue overseas was \$100 more than the postage for all the other copies mailed domestically.

Summer Youth Camp Update:

- Jonas Nordwall indicated that plans for the ATOS Summer Youth Camp are 98% complete. All that is need is a food vendor for the closing event.
- Financial aid is needed for many students. This should be administered through the national organization.
- Jonas asked that the need for financial aid be "pitched" at the annual membership meeting and at the banquet.
- So far seven candidates have enrolled for the camp. Jonas expects that many more will register and would like to cap attendance at twenty students.

Adult Camp Update:

- The ATOS adult camp will be headquartered at Wurlitzer Manor in Gig Harbor, Washington from August 11-14.
- Reasonable hotel accommodations have been made for participants.

- Charlie Balogh is the principal instructor with Patti Simon and Jonas Nordwall assisting.
- All information is posted on the ATOS web site and will be featured in the upcoming *Theatre Organ*.

Vote on Mount Baker Chapter:

- President Double called for a vote to accept the Mount Baker Chapter as the newest chapter of ATOS. The Chapter Charter Certificate will be awarded at the convention. Michael Fellenzer moved that the ATOS Board accept the Mount Baker Chapter. (Carried Unanimously)

Reaffirmation of Awards Procurement Procedure:

- Bob Evans reminded the board that the chair of the awards and recognition committee is responsible for the procurement of award media.
- Don Near, Awards and Recognition Chair reported that the award media was ordered and would be delivered to Indianapolis for the convention banquet.

Update on ATOS National Tour:

- Steve LaManna reported on the status of the national tour.
- The first show will be at the Riviera Theater in North Tonawanda, New York on September 11, 2008 featuring Jelani Eddington, Donna Parker, and Chris Gorsuch.
- Plummer Auditorium in Fullerton, California has also been booked for January 2009.
- Steve is beginning to hear from theaters because they are through with their current season and are booking for the next. He will send a grid with the possible venues for the tour listed.

New Business:

- Convention Meeting Schedule will be as follows:
- Informal meeting with Ray Compton, marketing expert, on Wednesday, July 2.
- The board should plan to meet all day on Thursday, July 3.
- The board will also meet on Friday morning for about ninety minutes to go through the electronic binder to familiarize the board with its contents.

Good of the Order:

- Paul Van Der Molen stated that because of the poor performance of the investment market, the Endowment Fund has not grown appreciably. The Endowment Fund has only \$3400 to distribute. There is a balance of \$26, 493.18 in what we call the Smithsonian Fund that has been used to finance the installation of the Ayars' Wurlitzer in Macy's in Philadelphia. All obligations for these funds have been met.
- Paul made the following motion:
 "That of the remaining \$26,493.18 and any additional accumulated interest in the so-called Smithsonian fund, \$5,000.00 be used for the previously authorized grant to the Phipps' project, \$10,000.00 of Smithsonian Fund money be added to the \$3,400.00 (this years earnings) allowed to be distributed by the Endowment Committee for 2008 grant requests. The balance of the Smithsonian Fund, \$11,493.18, plus any additional accumulated interest, shall be deposited into the Endowment Fund to contribute to its ongoing growth." (Carried Unanimously)
- Allen Miller inquired about the status of Endowment Fund grants. Michael Fellenzer expects to act on these grants soon.

President Double declared the meeting adjourned at 9:17 p.m.

/s/ Bob Evans, Secretary

Please Note: The meeting was conducted according to *Robert's Rules of Order*, Jeff Weiler, Parliamentarian