

## **GRAND BODY MEETING**

1. **CALL TO ORDER**

The meeting was called to order by the President, Tammy Taylor at 9:07 A.M.

2. **ROLL CALL OF OFFICER**

All officers were present with the exception of Dara Berman-Cheung, Evelyn Tirikos, and Dawn Dembrosky.

3. **ELECTION OF CANDIDATES TO MEMBERSHIP**

Secretary recommended the acceptance of Lauren Owens. Seconded by Colleen Rhode. MC. The secretary recommended the acceptance of Gina Wilson. Seconded by Denise Bryant. MC. The secretary recommended the acceptance of Brittany Sprung. Seconded by Michele Rexroad. MC. The secretary recommended the acceptance of Danielle Betscher as a Professional Member. Seconded by Denise Bryant. MC. The Secretary recommended the acceptance of Lee Ann Meyer. Seconded by Denise Bryant. MC. All members with the exception of Lee Ann will be obligated at this meeting.

4. **READING AND APPROVAL OF MINUTES**

The Secretary read the minutes from the March meeting in Cleveland and they were approved.

5. **REPORT OF TREASURER**

Treasurer, Susan Barr reported the cash on hand: \$10,543.39. The Money Market account is \$3,958.93. The endowment fund is \$206,399.33. Total investments is \$214,260.81. Total cash as of Feb. 28, 2015 is \$210,358.26. We experienced our first decrease in the endowment fund since opening it.

6. **COMMITTEE REPORTS**

**PUBLICITY** – Angela Knott distributed a newsletter.

**FRIENDSHIP** - Diana Horvath reported her expenses totaled \$50.05. Gift cards were sent to members. A 50/50 raffle will be held at all conventions in order to build up the Friendship Fund.

**HOSPITALITY** – Stephanie Pritchard will continue to send monies to Harvest for Hunger during the upcoming year. This will allow approximately 1100 children to receive back packs with food donations every Friday. She received a thank you letter from the Board of Directors for the donations.

**HISTORIAN**

Diana Horvath now has a laminating machine so she can preserve important

### CONVENTION

Noreen reminded members that the Westin Hotel in Cleveland would be the host hotel. Reservations should be made soon. We will continue to use Susan Barr's flooring for the Music Hall stage. It will be moved back the required footage in order for tappers to dance downstage. Suzie Straub mentioned the fact that we need to check out better stage mikes for the tap sounds. They were not in sync with the video CD's.

Kathi Halbert suggested purchasing a new set of microphones. Before this happens, we need to discuss with stage managers. The large rooms below the theater will be checked out for future use when classes get to large or we can't accommodate all dancers at the hotel. We are waiting to review a new format for March conventions being worked on. It will be necessary to rent flooring for all lower level rooms.

FACULTY –Kathi Halbert thanked Danielle Betscher and Rachel White for their wonderful workshop classes. A Business Seminar by Rhee Gold was suggested for next Closed Convention. The faculty for November is Scott Fowler, Stacy Eastman and Densil Adams. Modern classes will take the place of Hip Hop in November and March. (I thought it was only November). Faculty for future conventions would include Kristie Zimmerman, Codi Young, Albert Cattafi. Dee Buchanan would attend along with National Titlist, Michael Gallagher.

CHILDREN'S SESSION – Colleen said a revised student representative form would be on line and also mailed with the next mailing. A parent waiver form will also be included. The photo release form still needs to be used for any publications. This form is posted on line.

Boys classes will continue to be scheduled at each workshop for 10 yrs. & up. Drew Burgess and Isaah Henderson have volunteered to work with students when they are available.

EXAMINATION – Several names are on the slate but nothing scheduled to date.

RULES COMMITTEE REPORT –Stephanie Pritchard stated that the acro rule will be removed from the rules.

Stephanie moves to raise class fees and entry fees by \$5.00 each. Denise seconded. MC.

Stephanie moves to adopt the new tier awards for PAC. Denise Bryant seconded. MC.

MISS DANCE PAGEANT – Pageant will begin at 7:00 p.m. There will be a buffet reception after the pageant. Tickets will be \$10.00 each and will include one program.

#### MISS DANCE PAGEANT (CONT)

Special entertainment during the evening would include the Top routine from Competitive and Elite Divisions (12 & under) and Top routine from Competitive and Elite Divisions (13 & over). National winners would also perform.

The member of the Year will be announced on stage before pageant as well as obligation of officers.

MR. DANCE CONTEST – No report.

MASTER DANCE CONTEST – No report.

PETITE MISS DANCE PAGEANT – No report.

JR MR. DANCE CONTEST – No report.

JR MISS DANCE PAGEANT – No report.

TEEN MISS DANCE PAGEANT – No report.

TEEN MR. DANCE CONTESTANT – No report.

#### PERFORMING ARTS COMPETITION

Dawn Dembrosky stated that Mini students will be able to attend all conventions and will be eligible to compete.

#### MINI DANCE CLUB

Colleen stated that the Hot Tots would perform their special routine only at the February Pageants.

#### SCHOLARSHIP AUDITION

Elaine Park reported the numbers for the Scholarship Audition are: 46 Senior, 73 Teen, 76 Junior and 39 Petite.

SCHOLARSHIP FUND DRIVE –No report.

TROPHIES –Will use the same as last year. New pins have been ordered and ribbons also.

JUNIOR MEMBERSHIP – Dawn Slemons reported the auction in March was very successful. The funds raised went to Harvest for Hunger. The 3 memorial scholarships – Marjorie Sellers, Etta Mae Smith, and Bettene Winch also benefited from the donations. She will be unable to attend the March Convention and will need assistance during the weekend with the Jr. Members. Stephanie Pritchard, Allison Urban and Lauren Owens will be available to help.

COLLEGE SCHOLARSHIP – Colleen Rhode - Deadline is Jan. 10. Last season there were 4 winners.

7. READING OF COMMUNICATIONS

Thank you notes from Jack Cerminaro, Nicole DeBiase. Letter of inquiry from Terah Chrisman. A letter of resignation from Tammy Manning Kabat.

8. DELEGATE'S REPORT – Report is on the web page. Tammy stated that Life members would be charged \$20.00 for any mailings from National.

9. UNFINISHED BUSINESS – No report.

10. NEW BUSINESS - No report.

11. BY LAWS - STANDING RULES

Kathi Halbert moved to accept the by law changes that were mailed to members. Denise Bryant seconded. MC.

Kathi Halbert moved to accept defining all Scholarships that are awarded to members in March. Seconded by Angela Knott. MC.

It was moved to Clarify the duties and responsibilities of the Secretary and Treasurer. Colleen Rhode seconded. MC.

The title of immediate Past President must be inserted in By Laws as Board Member.

12. NOMINATIONS AND ELECTION OF OFFICERS

Denise stated that members must have attended 3 meetings, dues paid and have been a member for 2 years in order to be eligible to run for office.

13. PLACE OF NEXT MEETING

The next meeting will take place in Dayton, OH.

14. GOOD OF THE ASSOCIATION

Kathi Halbert recommended to give ODM certificates to members for every additional exam that has been taken and passed.

Kathi Halbert moved to have a deadline date added to the Closed Convention registration form so a correct count for food can be determined. Seconded by Angela Knott. MC.

Dawn Slemons will continue to post pictures on the web site with the webmaster's assistance.

15. ADJOURNMENT – The meeting adjourned at 11:00 a.m.