

Minutes of the Ohio Roundup Steering Committee
Sunday, November 18, 2007, Noon, Aladdin's Restaurant, Columbus

In attendance

Lisa Y.	Chair	Cuyahoga Falls
Bob R.	Vice Chair	Columbus
Frank W.	Treasurer	Toledo
Gerry P.	Secretary	Columbus
Scott S.	Co-Secretary	Cleveland
Scot B.	Delegate	Akron
Michael F.	Delegate	Canton
Debbie H.	Delegate	Cleveland
Troy S.	Alternate	Cleveland
Shannon S.	Delegate	Columbus
Judy F.	Delegate	Toledo
Jim O.	Alternate	Toledo
Dawna R.	Cmt Co-Chair	Canton
Terry B.	Cmt Co-Treasuer	Canton
John S.	Roundup cmt	Canton
Ron R.	Roundup cmt	Canton
Jay J.	Roundup Sec/Alt Del	Canton
Bob K.	Roundup cmt	Dayton
Jon D.	Roundup cmt	Dayton
Jason K.	Co-Chair	Toledo
Marilyn (Zol) Z.	Guest	Cleveland
Chris P.	Guest	Toledo

Lisa called the meeting to order with the Serenity Prayer.

Corrections needing made to the previous minutes were noted.

Frank presented his spreadsheet with financial information to the committee. (See attachment 1.)
Current balance totaled \$14,842.52. Report accepted.

Frank offered further information concerning the 501 (c)(3) status. He assured everyone that we are well on our way to re-instatement. Necessary paper has been filed and now a response from the IRS is required. The current EIN is still good and can be used for tax-exempt purposes.

Registration with the State of Ohio is the next step needed. The accounting firm that is working with us has offered to act as statutory agent. Frank is checking on the next steps for state registration.

Bob and Jon from the Dayton Roundup committee spoke next. They again expressed their regret for the budget overruns of the Dayton Roundup. They cited that lacking a good reporting format, they did not the exact amount. They did not have a final report to present and asked for an extension to pull the information together. Frank inquired as to who was treasurer. They replied that there were three different treasurers and that that contributed to the problem.

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It was suggested that an analysis be made of where mistakes were made to help subsequent roundups avoid running into deficit. Jon noted that an overly optimistic expectation of attendance and an under-funded scholarship fund were two of the biggest contributors.

The committee accepted Dayton's report pending further financial disclosures.

Dawna reported for the Canton committee for the 2008 Ohio Roundup. Their most current financial information was given. She noted that the hotel had changed its name and different names on the bid and contract do in fact associate to the same hotel.

In the financial report, record is made of a \$750 donation to the committee from the Canton Convention Center. A question was raised as to whether this violated the 7th tradition of being self supporting. There was much discussion on this topic. In the end, only two substantive decisions were reached. One was that each Roundup host committee must use their collective group conscience to decide the matter; however, that further research into AA World Service policy on conventions needs to be made. R. Michael and Shannon agreed to be an ad hoc committee to investigate.

The Dayton report was accepted.

The Toledo committee reported that the 2009 Roundup will be at the Park Hotel. They are starting their fundraising now.

In new business, Frank said even though our by-laws say that checks should require two signatures, the current account does not have that stipulation enforced. It was requested that the necessary changes be made with our bank to ensure that two signatures are required. Frank and Judy F. volunteered to see about making that happen.

All contact with the current co-treasurer, Rhonda B., has been lost. She has not attended any meetings and her current e-mail address and phone are no longer functioning. Frank's tenure will be up in November with no successor in place.

Replacing relapsed, resigned, disappeared, or deceased officers is not address in the by-laws.

Additional "gaps" in the by-laws were noted. What constitutes a quorum? Do the officers have a vote? Should the co-secretary and co-treasurer be elected positions? These question are to be discussed further at the next meeting.

The amendment put forward by Frank W. concerning maintaining our (501)(c)(3) status was passed and will be added to the by-laws.

The meeting adjourned at 4:30 with the Serenity Prayer.