

AACT Region III

Minutes

General Membership Meeting February 25, 2006 Beaver Dam, Wisconsin

PRESENT: Ruth Bardy, Region III Representative and Chair, Art Barnett, IL State Representative [Proxy given to Art by Toni Higgins], Bob Kafka, WI, Joanne Berry, MI State Representative, Lynn Ruhl, WI State Representative, Frank Peot, Secretary/Treasurer

I. Call to order

Chair Ruth Bardy called the 2006 General Membership Meeting of AACT Region III to order at 4:45 PM in the lobby of Best Western Campus in Beaver Dam, WI.

II. Secretary's Report

No minutes from the last general membership meeting have been received. This meeting was in Gross Point, MI, in April of 2005. It is believed John Falkenbach took these minutes. Frank will contact John to see if he has these minutes.

III. Treasurer's Report

Secretary/Treasurer Frank Peot reported we now have \$360.00 in a savings account located at M & I Bank in Sun Prairie, Wisconsin. Frank will be sending out invoices to each of the states reminding them that we are again requesting a \$25.00 per year contribution to the regional organization.

Frank will check on the Harv Thompson Trophy, which is in Indiana, and find out if the plate has been engraved, and remind them they need to make arrangements to have the plaque at the next regional in Illinois in 2007.

MOTION: Berry/ Ruhl A motion was made by Joanne Berry and seconded by Lynn Ruhl to accept the Shamburg Park District in conjunction with the Prairie Center for the Performing Arts as the host for the Region III AACTFest 2007. The festival is scheduled for April 25 – 27, 2007, at the Meineke Theatre. Motion approved.

IV. State Reports:

Michigan reported a successful fall conference. Their conference will be in the same place next year. They will be highlighting national leaders Jack Phillips and Morrie Enders. Jean Block will be their keynote speaker. Scholarship auditions will be on March 5, 2006. Michigan is also hosting a region wide playwriting contest. Information on this contest will be in the next issue of AACT's *Spotlight*.

Wisconsin's website address has changed. It is now <wactweb.org> The Wisconsin Association of Community Theatre voted to continue to require proof of permission to use music for all of its state festivals.

Illinois' state festival will be held from August 18th to 20th in Quincy, IL. Toni Higgins is still representing Illinois Community Theatre on the Illinois Theatre Association's Board.

Indiana's will be having its annual festival March 17th – 19th in Muncie, IN.

Ohio had another successful festival over Labor Day Weekend in 2005 and will be having their 2006 state festival in Worthington, Ohio, over Labor Day Weekend. Eleanor Smith has announced her retirement as Ohio's Executive Director effective the end of 2006.

The winner of the Region III AACTFest 2007 will perform in the 8th position at the National Festival in Charlotte, NC.

V. New Business

None

VI. New Business

MOTION: Ruhl/Barnett A motion was made by Lynn Ruhl and seconded by Art Barnett to require proof of music rights at AACT Region III Festivals. The motion passed.

VII. Adjournment

Chair Ruth Bardy declared the meeting adjourned at 5:12 PM.

Frank Peot, Secretary/Treasurer