



## General Meeting Minutes

The general meeting of Wisconsin ASLTA was held at Pinney Branch Library in Madison, Wisconsin on Saturday, April 5, 2008, at 9:30 to 11:30 am.

President Stefanie Saltern called the meeting to order at 9:44 am with Vice President Steph Buell, Treasurer Brian Fruits, and PDC Linda Tripi present. The order of agenda was changed to allow 2 officers to leave the meeting early.

Members Present: Mary Weigers, Margaret James, Ted Trenkamp, Jake Hartmann, Tom Harbison

The minutes of the previous board meeting was approved.

### 1. Vice President's Report

#### a. Bylaws Update/discussion

- i. Bylaws committee recommended revisions. The most substantive change was the dues cycle. Instead of paying dues every two years, and everyone paying random dates, the cycle will be once a year, in July of each year.
- ii. Margaret James moved to accept the revised bylaws effective 4/6/08. Passed.
- iii. Bylaws will be put in website.

#### b. ASL Weekend Responsibilities

- i. Will coordinate the support staff and volunteers.

#### c. Presentation at UW-Milwaukee

- i. Participated in ASL Studies Colloquium at UW-Milwaukee with President Stefanie Saltern and gave power point presentation about WisASLTA on March 3<sup>rd</sup>, 2008.

### 2. Treasurer's Report

#### a. Financial Information is posted on the WisASLTA website

- i. Will be done regularly.
- ii. Will only show the basic numbers. If need details, email Treasurer.

#### b. Checking Account balance - \$5,429.08

#### c. Savings Account balance - \$12,458.20

- i. This money is the DeaFirst grant (originally \$12,265)
- ii. Plus interest earned since put into Money Market on 9/11/07 – \$193.20

#### d. Outstanding Debt – Credit card - \$885

- i. For AGBell Booth – various organizations will pay us. Will track.

#### e. Update of 501C(3)

- i. Ongoing – requires meeting notes, financial reports, etc in an organized manner. Will have to retype many reports and save electronically. That takes time.
- ii. Hope to have completed by August 2008 and submitted to IRS
- iii. We already have the FEIN # (separate issue)

#### **f. Potential Scholarship to ASLTA certification**

- i. Help members pay for ½ the cost of taking exam
- ii. This brings in new members – WisASLTA needs to grow
- iii. Helps to get members certified
  - 1. First timers
  - 2. Moving up to another level

### **3. President's Report**

#### **a. Communication and Collaboration**

- i. Follow-up with members to get referrals and join committees
- ii. Forwarded ASLTA announcements to members
- iii. Researched possibility of hosting ASL Teacher training workshops during WESPDHH's Summer Institute in August
- iv. Participated in ASL Studies Colloquium at UW-Milwaukee to share information and answer questions about ASLTA and certification levels.
- v. Collaborated with several non-profit organizations to share a booth and include ASL education at AGBell Convention in Milwaukee on June 27-30
- vi. Finalized Logo formats, will print brochures to recruit members

#### **b. Spring 2008 Meeting and Share Shop**

- i. Many locations didn't allow room usage for more than 2 hours
- ii. Thanks to Pinney Branch Library for accepting our reservation

#### **c. ASL Weekend**

- i. Posted "Call for Presenters" and "Registration" information
- ii. Helped coordinate workshop topics and schedule with Theresa Schmechel
- iii. Obtained commitment from Dan Houlihan as Master of Ceremonies for ASL Idol
- iv. Sent sponsorship letter and forms to businesses serving the D/HH
- v. Encouraged WisASLTA members to become Deaf Camp Counselors

#### **d. Fall 2008 Meeting and Workshop**

- i. Possible date on Saturday, November 8
- ii. Topics: How to Teach Deaf Culture or Ideas for Teaching Classifiers

### **4. Standing Committee Reports**

**a. Bylaws-** Obtained commitment from Tom Harbison to help with revision. Approved proposed bylaws to be posted on website.

**b. PDC-** After Margaret James' resignation as co-chair, Linda Tripi accepted to continue as PDC. Linda Tripi and Kristin Scheibe organized Spring 2008 share shop. Contacted several members to join PDC committee and obtained commitment from Jake Hartmann.

**c. DPI Teaching-** Obtained commitment from Joel Mankowski, Vaughn Hallada, and Dan Houlihan to research teacher licensing for K-12 ASL instructors and continuing education units for licensed instructors.

## **5. Professional Development Chair's Report**

### **a. Spring 2008 Meeting and Share Shop**

- i. Followed up on share shop questions, location, and purchasing snacks

### **b. Signing Naturally and Master ASL workshops**

- i. Reviewed history of DeaFirst grant
- ii. Margaret James got an email on April 4 from Sign Media, Inc. that Master ASL workshop is only offered in 4 day sessions and not divided in 2 days at a time.
- ii. Asked Jake Hartmann to contact author, Jason Zinza, and see if available during WESPDHH Outreach Summer Institute in August

## **6. Unfinished Business – None reported**

## **7. New Business**

- a. Jake Hartmann moved to have the organization make membership cards for the members. Passed.
- b. Mary Wieggers moved that the secretary develop and distribute directory information of members (with their permission) and make it accessible to all other members. Passed.
- c. Jake Hartmann moved for membership dues to be \$20 annually and effective on July 1, 2008. Passed.

The meeting was adjourned at 11:30 am.

Jake Hartmann  
WisASLTA Member

Stefanie Saltern  
WisASLTA President