

SPJ Board meeting

April 20, 2019

Present: Haisten Willis, Stell Simonton, David Armstrong, Pam Dorsett, Carol Gantt, KC Wildmoon

Pam moves to accept agenda, Haisten seconds. Adopted.

(KC's cat is heard purring while board reviews minutes).

Stell moves to adopt minutes as corrected. Pam seconds. Approved.

Bank balance: \$3,257.83

Old business

- We're still looking for a president. Carol cannot take on the duties of president, suggests perhaps we pitch in and cover the presidency as a group. David suggests checking with Charlotte Norsworthy. Carol will speak with her.
- Job Fair: Saturday, April 27. Stell says 15 editors coming, very good line-up from a broad cross section of publications. Three presenters: Keith Herndon, UGA school of journalism on business of freelancing; Eric Sturgus, AJC, art of interviewing; Avril Loy James on mindfulness. About 30 participants signed up, goal is 50. Want push for signups this week from board members. Already brought in \$600; spent about \$75 on room reservation. Pam says drinks and gift cards not yet purchased, expect to spend about \$300 total. Food has been donated. \$100 grant from national was approved. **Stell moves to approve budget up to \$300, Haisten seconds. Approved.**
- Suggestions for future events: Pam brings up half-day to full day of investigative/data/records reporting (IRE watchdog workshop). David says he knows the IRE trainers. IRE conference is in June, probably best to do this training here in the fall (Pam says October likely better than September). Would like to make sure students get substantial discount. Carol says SPJ Georgia could also partner with another organization. Committee for this event will be the board. David suggests querying members to see what they'd be most interested in getting from IRE.
 - Discussion of day of week: Saturday would have more availability, but schools would require faculty member on site for access.
 - Discussion of location: Best to have space with computer lab, but can be done with laptops as long as there's good WiFi.
 - KSU might not be well situated for most media organizations.
 - Pam has possible connections at Georgia State and will reach out. Carol will reach out to adviser of NABJ chapter, Linda Patillo.
 - Discussion of Clark: computer lab there is good, but WiFi is not. Clark is also somewhat expensive, but they could be a partner, or perhaps Clark's NABJ chapter.
 - AJC has a training room, possible partner.
- **Final decisions:**
 - **Carol will reach out to Linda Patillo**
 - **David will contact IRE about what's available; will ask about split watchdog/data workshop**
 - **Shooting for October date**

New Business

- Regarding statement put out opposing HB734, Haisten says it was picked up by a number of different publications and TV stations. Also covered by national social media.

Next meeting: May 18, 10am, via Zoom.

KC moves to adjourn. Haisten seconds. Adjourned.

Respectfully submitted
KC Wildmoon
secretary