

WBL Board Meeting

27 January 2010

The meeting was held at Ellen Cherniavsky's home.

In attendance: Don Berman, Ellen Cherniavsky, Jim Geist, Fred King, Clyde Kruskal, Linda Marshall, Hank Meyer, Ron Zucker; non-voting members Barry Bragin, Kitty Gottfried, Donna Rogall, Nadine Wood; guest Ajit Thyagarajan.

President Don Berman called the meeting to order at 7:48 PM.

Secretary's Report

The Board approved the minutes without objection.

Treasurer's Report

Treasurer Fred King reported that as of 31 December our total funds were: Checking \$2855.33; Money Market \$20,019.85; CD \$20,018.74. The checking account balance appears low because no Unit Game funds were counted. Fred is following up on the Bulletin ads: he sent bills to the advertisers in December, but only one of the five has paid. Fred is working to recoup \$1150 which should have been paid out of the District 6 account, but which was taken from WBL funds [this was to Donna Rogall for TableTalk]. Fred is still trying to get through 2009, and has not drawn up a budget yet.

The Treasurer's report was approved without objection.

President's Report

President Don Berman reported that Nadine Wood, who currently holds the position, will not run for ACBL representative. Margot Hennings, who has declared her candidacy, will be invited to address a future Board meeting. Elections are not until August.

Membership now stands at 1740, which represents an increase.

Review of Ohr Kodesh Experience

The only problem continues to be the parking: there have been a number of complaints.

An issue is that we do not now have a key to close up with, and if the janitor stays past 9:35 PM the charge is \$30/hr. President Don Berman volunteered to get a key.

Donna Rogall suggested that hospitality be offered earlier, to accommodate people who would otherwise bring food to the game but cannot because of Ohr Kodesh restrictions.

January Sectional

Brooms were not available, creating a problem with cleanup. The person with the key to the closet goes home at 3:00: we must insure all cleaning supplies are out before then. A checklist is needed. Otherwise the tournament was very successful.

Unit Game

Chris Miller was not present, but sent a spreadsheet by email.

Bridge in Schools

Guest Ajit Thyagarajan met with Shawn Stringer, Ellen Rosenthal (former chair) and Mark Rosen (who has been teaching at Tilden Middle School for seven years). Ellen, Mark and Shawn have agreed to help out. Mark has sent out notices to principals; we have two schools and two more have expressed interest: Poolesville and Ridgefield. Ajit presented a list of eight issues which need to be addressed in order to develop a successful program. A job description for school coordinator is needed.

WBL Bulletin

Treasurer Fred King asked the Bulletin committee to get quotes from printers. We have no written contract with Todd Allan, which currently does it. Donna is inquiring into an \$85 charge for "file intervention", which has been added to each issue this year. The mail preparation charges have gone up (from about \$300 originally (8+ years ago) to \$500 for each of our last 2 issues).

In addition, Donna Rogall will talk to Charlie Williams, our account representative.

March Sectional

Nadine Wood requested more help, especially for Friday afternoons. Steve Schatzow volunteered to bring bagels for Saturday and Sunday.

Kitty Gottfried reported on tournament problems, which included people joining the line for food when it was supposed to be reserved for students. There was a problem with the coffeepot, and no announcement over loudspeaker. Kitty suggested that the daily bulletin include a list of responsibilities, such as caddy master, so people will know whom to complain to.

Bridge and Bowling

There have been few signups.

Next Meeting

The next WBL Board meeting will take place February 17, 2010 at Linda Marshall's house. The meeting was adjourned at 9:47 PM.

Respectfully submitted,

Ellen Cherniavsky,
Secretary