

SMRAS Board Meeting
May 31, 1990

The meeting was called to order by Stan Lincoln at 8:20 p.m. at the home of Midge Arnold. The following Directors were present: John Andrews, Midge Arnold, Alice Avouris, Millie Black, Peter Burckmyer, Frank Gillette, Ellen Heidelberger, Sophie Keyes, Stan Lincoln, Nina McCall, Diane Neski, Donna Nye, William Romaine, Pam Rubin, Martin Smolin, Rita and Stan Wecker, and Betty Wiltse. Anne, Swaim, Carol Coggeshall, Thelma Smith, Benna Weisemann and a number of others were also present.

The minutes of the May 3, 1990, Board Meeting were accepted as corrected. 7th paragraph - add "for comments". 4th paragraph from the bottom "suggested that some foundations" rather than "some people.". Add "Frank Gillette indicated he would start working on a draft of a letter to be sent."

Treasurer's report: Excess of Revenue over Expense April 1, 1990 - May 31, 1990 - \$1,546.44. The Balance - \$31,546.44. The Endowment Fund - \$376,308.83. Light Memorial Scholarship Fund - \$14,056.00. Kaye Anderson Memorial Fund - \$272.37.

The Treasurer reported that a \$100. contribution with a matching GBM gift has been received from the Lights to be added to the Scholarship Fund. She also said that the audit of the books has begun.

Membership - 783 as of May 3, 1990

Frank Gillette moved that we accept any request from any individual for a subscription to the "Bulletin" at a rate of \$5.00 per year. Seconded and carried. Nina McCall opposed.

Sophie Keyes and Alice Avouris will work out the proper procedure for subscriptions to the "Bulletin".

There will be an open house on June 19, 1990, for the Kaye Anderson Memorial Library. 7:30 to 9:00 p.m.

Stan Lincoln passed the badges for people taking part in the Birdathon. Although our teams saw 141 species, they have a way to go before they are as good as some other groups.

Anne Swaim reported that school is about over but she is working with about 15 girl and boy scout troops. Work has been done on the Pruyn Sanctuary; The Clearwater Festival will be held June 16-17. where SMRAS will have a booth. Tod Baldwin is continuing his work on the sanctuaries. The answering machine needs to be replaced or at least worked on.

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Rita Wecker said the Finance Committee had had a meeting. Two CD's are coming due soon and the money will have to be reinvested. Also we must decide who should be empowered to sign checks.

Stan Wecker moved that we add the Chairman of the Board to those now empowered to sign checks - President, Vice-President and Treasurer. Seconded and carried.

Frank Gillette moved that we rescind the motion just passed and wait for the Finance Committee to make a written proposal. Seconded and carried.

Stan Wecker will go to the Bell School to see about a meeting place for the general meetings. Suggestions are welcome.

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The approved the purchase of 5,000 letterheads and envelopes, plus 1500 second sheets from Foley.

Frank Gillette said that on closer inspection they have decided the floors in the Pruyn house aren't too bad. He has a proposal from a window dealer for replacing the windows. The sliding windows would be less expensive.

Frank Gillette reported on the impact of the Pruyn Bequest and Trust Fund contributions on our IRS "Publicly supported" status. A key question is whether those monies qualify as unusual grants. Also, as our investment earnings have risen, we must now file under the 590(a)(1) guidelines instead of the 590(a)(2) guidelines. Ellen Heidelberger moved that a special committee be formed to review the regulations and advise as to form 990 preparation. Motion was seconded and carried. Stan Lincoln then appointed the following special committee: Frank Gillette, Chair; Jack Andrews, Bill Romaine, Rita Wecker and Ellen Heidelberger.

Stan Lincoln suggested that there be a definition differentiating between Sanctuaries and Grounds.

We should also have a legal review committee to help understand what our exposures are to litigation.

Stan Wecker moved that the Summer Committee empowered to act on the behalf of SMRAS have the following members: Stan Lincoln, Ellen Heidelberger, Diane Neski, Peter Burckmyer, and Betty Wiltse. Seconded and carried.

The September Board meeting will be held September 6, 1990, at the home of Ellen Heidelberger.

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 10:30 p.m.

Elizabeth Wiltse
Recording Secretary