

Baylor Round Table
Executive Board meeting
September 15, 2011
Clifton Robinson Tower, room 455

Meeting called to order: 11:47am.

Members present: Julie Covington, Anne Grinols, Amber Adamson, Melanie Smith, Nancy McKinney, Corrie Logan, Jennifer Borderud, Shelley Brooks, Marilyn Eichelberger, Paulette Edwards, Joyce Packard, Andrea Dixon, Chris Wilkins, Sandra Lene, Laurie Wilson, Lois Ferguson, Liz Palacios, Linda Cates, Jaylie Beckenhauer, Carroll Bonner.

President Julie Covington opened the meeting. Following a discussion and vote by the Executive Board on the budget for the coming year, Julie began the meeting with a prayer and an introduction of members present.

Budget 2011-2012

Anne Grinols presented the proposed budget for the coming year. A few changes were made for the coming year:

- Changes in committee budgets (some increases where needed, some decreases where whole budget has not been used.)
- The amount for Membership will be changed from \$800 to \$150. This was the yearly budget that had been historically given to this committee. The entire amount has not been used by the committee over the past years.

A question was asked as to the number of members currently in Baylor Round Table. As of the meeting, we have 190 members, some of which are new members and do not pay dues this year. We will have members who will pay their dues at the Membership Tea on September 22. A question was also raised as to whether we could get historic membership figures in order to assist with the budget. Ways in which we could encourage membership and payment of dues were discussed.

The February event was changed to a program and not a luncheon as listed on the budget. It was noted that the speaker at the October program usually charges a

speaker's fee, but will be coming at no charge. She will also be speaking to students while on campus this day.

After discussion of the budget, Lois Ferguson made a motion to accept the budget for the coming year. The motion was seconded by Ann May. The budget will be sent to the general membership for a vote at the Membership Tea on September 22, 2011.

Old Business:

Approval of minutes:

Minutes from the August 10, 2011 meeting were approved with corrections. The motion was made by Joyce Packard and seconded by Paulette Edwards.

Health Concerns, Baylor Round Table family:

Leah Jackson – Leah is home now and doing much better. She is still not back to work just yet.

Anita Rolf - Anita is still making progress and will be at the Membership tea on September 22.

New Business:

Baylor Round Table Facebook idea:

Jennifer Borderud presented the idea of developing a Baylor Round Table group on Facebook. This could be set up with an administrator to approve additions to the group. This would be a place where pictures, announcements and reminders for events could be posted and would not be seen as the primary place to promote Round Table. Another option that might be considered was to have a Round Table fan page.

Questions raised were:

- What would happen if the administrator were to leave? Will there be a process in place for someone to take over the responsibilities if this were to happen?
- Should this be open for all to access? For those who do not know about Round Table, this would be a way for them to learn about Round Table and

possibly want to join. Concern was raised about those from outside that might have malicious intents. Would it be good to have a filter for our page?

- If we have the Facebook page, will we be able to maintain it and keep our website current. Will we be able to maintain both?

The decision was made to table this item until the next meeting when we will hear from Kathy Weber.

Proposed bylaws changes:

President Julie Covington presented two (2) bylaw changes:

Article III. Members

Section 3: Membership

a. The annual dues shall be \$25 payable by June 1 if the member's name is to be included in the yearbook for the following year. The Treasurer will mail members a statement for their annual dues prior to the April meeting.

Proposed change:

a. The annual dues shall be \$25 payable by **date stated on the membership form** if the member's name is to be included in the yearbook for the following year.
DELETE - The Treasurer will mail members a statement for their annual dues prior to the April meeting.

Suggested in meeting: change "The Treasurer will mail members a statement for their annual dues prior to the April meeting." to "**The Treasurer will mail/email members a statement for their annual dues prior to the April meeting.**"

A suggestion was made to keep the due date of the annual dues of \$25 at June 1st

Article VII. Committees

Section 2: A Budget committee of three members shall be appointed by the incoming President to prepare and present a budget for adoption by the organization at the first business meeting of the year.

Proposed change:

Add Treasurer as an ex-officio member to the Budget committee.

This was suggested since the Treasurer would know what was spent from the previous year.

A Taskforce was formed to work on the wording for the proposed changes and to write the rationale for the changes. The Taskforce members are:

- Martha Lou Scott
- Linda Cates
- Sandy Bennett
- Julie Covington, ex-officio member

Reports

Paulette Edwards, Vice President:

The Round Table membership tea is September 22, 2011 from 4:00-6:00 pm at Allbritton House.

- A reminder went out September 15 to remind members of the tea.
- Decorative pot plants have been secured for the porches, yard will be groomed and gates unlocked. There will be tables for those who need them on the front porch and back patio areas.
- The Baylor Round Table cookbook will be on display inside.
- Robbie Rogers will be present to take pictures.
- Jason Terry will be playing the piano during the tea.
- A reminder will be sent out to all who signed up to bring food items for the tea. Members were reminded to bring these in disposable containers. Food drop off is from 12:00-2:00.
- Those who will be leading an Interest Group are asked to be in place by 3:30pm.
- Yearbooks will be available at the table where members will be picking up their name tags.

- Setup for the tea will begin at 3:00. Those who are available and want to help with either setup, or clean up afterwards, are welcome to come and help.
- There will be coverage of the tea by the Waco Tribune Herald and the Lariat. The publicity photo for the tea will occur in the Sunday Waco Tribune Herald.

Melanie Smith, Corresponding Secretary

All cards have been sent to those names which were submitted to the Corresponding Secretary. A card will be sent to Kathy Hillman concerning her sister and the loss of her home in the recent Bastrop fire.

Membership (Sandra Lene)

A check list of Round Table members and invitees will be provided for the Membership tea. Cards which summarize this year's activities will be on the Membership table. Name tags will be color coded (green – paid members, gold – non paid members).

Newcomers (Andrea Dixon)

16 newcomers came to the Newcomers Brunch on August 20, 2011. In response to input from newcomers, there will be a family event at the SLC. An Afternoon of Family Fun at the SLC will be on Sunday, October 23, 2011 from 2:00-5:00pm. There will be many fun events, such as swimming, ping pong, volleyball, and much more. There will be great food and people are encouraged to RSVP by October 17, 2011.

Interest Groups (Carroll Bonner)

Interest groups are doing well. Sign up for the groups will be at the Membership tea. There will be a table on the patio with sign-up sheets for all of your favorite groups. Members will also be able to sign up to serve as ushers or hostesses for the International Dinner.

Program (Lois Ferguson)

Two women's groups are being invited to come to the October program. The program is October 13 at 4:00pm at the Mayborn Museum.

Meeting was adjourned at 1:05pm.

Next Board meeting – November 10, 2011; 12:00 Robinson Tower, rm 455.

Respectfully submitted,

Carol Schuetz, Recording Secretary