

SPJ minutes – May 8, 2024, via Zoom

In attendance: Marty Fischhoff, Kelley Root, Rob Davidek, Beth Konrad, Tracy Wolf, Mark Lee, Walter Middlebrook, Mary Zatina, Annalise Frank, Vince McCraw, Christine Ferretti, Jeff Payne, Kat Stafford, Monica Williams, Peg McNichol, Administrator Marcia Hart

Absent: Ro Coppola, Mary Zatina, Nicole Avery Nichols

Marty Fischhoff called the meeting to order at 8:05 a.m.

President's Report – Marty Fischhoff

- Marty reminded the board of the Collaborative Journalism Summit being held the next two days at Wayne State. The chapter is one of the partners in the event.

Beth Konrad made a motion to approve the April meeting minutes. The motion was seconded and approved by all.

Banquet – Tracy Wolf

- Most of the meeting was devoted to planning for the upcoming banquet.
- Tracy Wolf discussed the plans for holding a drawing at the banquet, and much discussion ensued about the need for a license if it was called a raffle or a drawing. It was decided to create a silent auction instead. Members of the board had collected many attractive offerings, including tickets to sporting events, a restaurant gift certificate, wine basket, dog gift assortment, books from Wayne State Press, etc. Tracy suggested that the auction be announced during the banquet to make the audience aware of this opportunity, perhaps teasing a few items. A QR code would be available to collect money via PayPal, checks or cash.
- Tracy is preparing the Run of Show. Mark Lee will serve as MC and other board members will have roles to play during the program.
- IT was decided that those introducing the Lifetime Achievement Award winners would have 2-3 minutes to speak while the honorees would be given 8-10 minutes. Marty said he would provide that information to all the speakers. Tracy said that Eileen Harned will be told she has 5-10 ten minutes to accept the memorial award for her late husband, Jack Harned.
- Board assignments during the event include three to four members helping with distribution of award certificates and three working the registration table.

Membership – Rob Davidek

- SPJ National now has a QR code for collecting membership dues.

A motion was made to adjourn the meeting. The motion was seconded and approved by all.

The meeting was adjourned at approximately 8:59 a.m.

Next meeting: Thursday, June 13 at 8 a.m.

Committee Assignments (chairs in bold text)

- Programs: **Tracy Wolf**, Katrease Stafford, Walter Middlebrook, Beth Konrad, Ro Coppola, Mark Lee, Monica Williams
- Membership Outreach: **Rob Davidek**, Marty Fischhoff, Walter Middlebrook

- Communication Committee: **Kelley Root**, Rob Davidek
 - FOIA: **Beth Konrad**, Ro Coppola, Kelley Root, Mary Zatina, Peggy McNichol
 - Banquet: **Tracy Wolf**, Marcia Hart, Monica Williams
 - Campus Outreach: **Beth Konrad**, Kelley Root
 - Finance/Fundraising: **Walter Middlebrook**, Marty Fischhoff
 - Bylaws and elections (nominating committee): **Walter Middlebrook**, Beth Konrad, Marty Fischhoff
 - Contest: **Walter Middlebrook**
 - Scholarship: **Kelley Root**, Beth Konrad, Annalise Frank
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