

SOUTHEASTERN JURISDICTION ASSOCIATION OF OLDER ADULTS
ANNUAL ASSOCIATION – GENERAL MEETING
WEDNESDAY, AUGUST 1, 2012

The 2012 Session of the Southeastern Jurisdiction Association of Older Adults (SEJAOA) Annual Association Meeting was called to order on Wednesday, August 1, 2012 at 1:00 p.m. by President Rodney Powell in the Harrell Auditorium. We had approximately 75 members present. Rod welcomed those attending and opened the meeting with prayer.

Minutes: Secretary, Vida McClure had minutes distributed to members as they arrived. They were approved as presented.

Treasurer Report: Treasurer Wade Barr presented a combination Financial Report and 2013 Budget. He explained that our budget runs on calendar year to coincide with the Lake's calendar year. The 2011 budget was based on 325 attendees. We registered 303 and ended 2011 with a \$1,189 profit. The 2012 budget was based on 300 registrants; however, we only had 202 to register. The EC/DT (Executive Committee/Design Team) attempted to cut expenses; for example changing meetings scheduled for Stuart to Harrell Auditorium. Lake Junaluska Executive Director Jack Ewing and his staff worked with us by reducing cost from \$24 per registrant to \$20. At the beginning of our conference, we were facing a \$4,507.08 short fall on finances. An appeal was made during our worship for attendees to give generously. No grant revenues have been received this year. The Board of Directors has approved and recommended this report. Motion was made by Joan Leon to accept the financial report as presented and seconded by Louise Adams. Motion carried and report was accepted.

The 2013 Budget is projected on 225 attendees and grant revues are projected at \$1,000. (An appeal was made to the membership to help in identifying sources of revues including sponsors that might like to sponsor events during the conference. Any information should be sent to Lucy Lipp at Lucy.lipp@adss.alabama.gov or any member of the Executive Committee. The increase in the postage line of the budget is the EC/DT's decision to return to promoting the conference via mailed brochures rather than the postcard directing interested parties to Lake Junaluska's internet site. The 2013 budget was approved and recommended by the Board of Directors. Motion was made by Harold Scipio to accept the 2013 Budget as presented. This was seconded by Richard Gerhardt and the motion carried.

President's Report: President Rodney Powell expressed appreciation to the Design Team and Executive Committee. He reminded the members of the Association that this team, in an effort to cut expenses, chose to pay their personal expenses for the Conference. He shared concerns regarding the decline in attendance of the conferences and encouraged attendees to go home and recruit others to attend the 2013 Wisdom and Grace Conference, as well as offer suggestions for event leadership and program offerings, ideas for corporate sponsorships and grant support. He ended his report by asking that all of us pray for God's revelation and guidance for the SEJAOA. (full report attached)

Vice President of Programming: Nancy Metz distributed flyers for our 2013 Conference asking that Missy Buchanan's name be added. These flyers will be distributed at the Ed Kilbourn Concert tonight. Nancy reviewed our projected workshops and leadership. The 2013 theme is: Times They are a-Changin. The EC/DT is working on offering a package price which would include the conference registration, lodging, and meals. She reminded the people that 2013 will be the Lake Junaluska's 100th Anniversary Celebration. Our entertainment will be the dress rehearsal for the drama that is being prepared for the Anniversary Celebration.

Vice President of Publicity & Development: Lucy Lipp was not able to be with us due to conflict with a celebration of her father's 100th birthday. She is seeking foundation grants and institutions that might want to sponsor our conference. If you have information that might help in this area, please contact Lucy or any member of the Executive Committee. (see Treasurer's Report above)

Vice President of Education & Advocacy: Due to a sudden illness, Vice President of Education & Advocacy, June Willson, was unable to be with us. She asked that we share these questions; What is happening in your Conference in Older

Adult ministry? What types of advocacy for Older Adults would help you? What types of training does your conference need? What kind of district training is needed in your conference? How can the SEJAOA be of service to you and your conference? In response to these questions, you are invited to correspond with June at June.willson@gmail.com. Newsletters are projected for Fall and Spring.

Allers Academy: Phillip Brown shared with the Association that this academy was organized to certify people in Older Adult Ministry. It considers physical, psychological, and social aspects of aging. It also includes methods of development programs for Older Adults. Graduates of the program become Fellows of the Academy of Older Adults Ministry. Two courses in SEJAOA Professional Track Workshop will equal one credit in the Allers Program. The courses offered by the Academy can be credited toward the ParProfessional Program in Older Adult Ministry

General Board of Discipleship SEJ UM Committee on Older Adult Ministries: Sandra Gerhardt, who is our representative to the General Board presented her report. She has been re-elected for a second four-year term. She mentioned the Symposium which is scheduled for September 20-22 in Nashville. Two persons have been invited from each conference. One will be paid by COAM and the second by the Annual Conferences. Depending upon available openings, others can attend by paying their own expenses and being approved by COAM. Other information that Sandra shared included plans for 2013-2016 Comprehensive Plan that has been accepted by the General Board of Discipleship. She will share more about the Comprehensive Plan when she knows the final outcome of funding. This will probably be at the September Symposium and shared at the mid-winter meeting.

Nomination Committee: Past President and Chairman of the Nominating Committee Susan McGuire sent her report. In her absence Nancy Metz made the report as follows:

President- Rodney Powell
Vice President of Publicity & Development – Lucy Lipp
Secretary – Vida McClure

All nominees are eligible for reelection for a two-year term. Floor was opened for additional nominees. None were offered. Motion was made by Mary Green and seconded by Betsy Styles to accept the slate of officers as presented. Motion carried.

Motion was made by Steve Proctor and seconded Betsy Styles to explore the possibility of granting Continuing Education Units for attending Wisdom & Grace Conference. This motion carried.

The Association Meeting was adjourned with a reminder of the Ed Kilbourn Concert tonight in the Harrell Center at 7:30 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted

Vida McClure, Secretary

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