



ACLS BOARD MEETING
12 September 2023 – 4:30 EDT
MINUTES

Present: Officers: George Hoelzeman (President), Martin de Sapio (Treasurer),
Gale Francione (Secretary)
Members: Peggy Parker, Jay Hall Carpenter, Sarah Hempel Irani, Scott Parsons
Liaisons Will Brocious, Marilyn Morgan
Guest: Ken Griesemer

I. APPROVE AUGUST MINUTES - Jay/Marilyn approved with corrections.
GALE will post to the web.

2. TREASURER'S REPORT – Martin provided the expense report for August. Also provided was the report for the retreat. Total income: \$8,775. Expenses \$10,364.03. We had budgeted \$2,400 from the general fund for the retreat. Martin recommended waiving the registration fee for the board members and liaisons who attended (Gale, Peggy, Marilyn). George/Jay moved to approve waiving their registration fee, which passed. This still keeps the retreat \$90.97 under budget. George acknowledged Martin's work as treasurer and also thanked him for the additional tasks he has taken on (filing the taxes, for one) that are saving us money and allowing us to keep our balance even. Martin also recommended we work to acquire more members, as our numbers have been decreasing. [See below]
MARTIN will send checks to Gale, Peggy, and Marilyn.

3. STANDING COMMITTEE REPORTS

Membership – Jay – William had set aside those members who haven't paid dues (though we haven't lost their information). Martin suggested a subcommittee to analyze how to regain lost members, including those members on the "non-member subscription" list. A survey? Interviews? Ask some simple questions: Expectations of membership? Has your work changed? Have you retired? Do you watch the webinars? Do we need to create other resources? What drew us to ACLS in the first place? Can we look to other members to help us expand our membership?

GEORGE and JAY will create a survey for the next meeting. At that time we can address how to disseminate it.

Webinar – Marilyn – the webinar committee has not met because people are travelling. Paul May is a recent new member of the webinar committee

Communications – Will - William continues to work with with Cliff. He is sending Cliff a “data dump” of information that needs correction on the website as he looks carefully through the site. Can Cliff get the “home” page to come up first in a web search? There was continued discussion about the website and its issues. The Board agreed that having the website functioning well is imperative for attracting new members. **WILL** will ask Cliff about a timeline for completion of various tasks.

4. SWLC-ACLS Developments – Ken Griesemer – After 3 years of virtual events, the Southwest Liturgical Conference will go to a hybrid of in-person and virtual. In actuality this means two events. Ken asked about the tentative lineup of workshops for the Art and Architecture tracks, both in-person and virtual. Suggestions included: Create a “nuts and bolts” workshop (like Gilbert’s) for the in-person event. Maybe done by Carol Frenning if she attends. Add an art component for the virtual event. Maybe as a panel, maybe like Johannes’. The ACLS Booth will be discussed at a later date. The Board recommended adding a session for both the in-person and virtual events that highlights the importance and role of the liturgical design consultant.

5. Newsletter – Discussion next month.

6. RETREAT - The retreat was considered a great success by all. George acknowledged Gale, Peggy, and Marilyn’s role in creating a successful retreat. Gale and Peggy will be working together for the next retreat. Initial questions: Topic? Date? Location? Gale recommended an airline hub for a location. Any suggestions can be forwarded to her. Washington, D.C. was initially suggested as a location.

Adjournment – George/Jay moved toward adjournment, passed.

NEXT MEETING:



Tuesday 10 October
1:30 PST 2:30 MST 3:30 CST 4:30 EST

Respectfully Submitted,

Gale Francione