

ADBCMS Board Meeting 10-29-2014

Jan Thompson called the meeting to order at 5:10 pm Central Time.

2014 Convention

The Society lost about \$1000 on the 2014 convention. We spent \$2025 on drink tickets. We need to meet a \$5000 minimum for food and drink, but Judy thought that we could do so without providing drink tickets. The board agreed to drop drink tickets for the 2015 convention. When we have evening events scheduled at the hotel, we will provide a cash bar.

Japan Trip

The October trip to Japan for veterans was very successful, and a big highlight was meeting Caroline Kennedy. Jan has photos from the embassy that we can use for the Quan newsletter.

Mukden Reunion

Andrea and Jan attended the Mukden Reunion. The mayor and a congressperson attended on Thursday and gave letters to the three attending POWs. Jan is trying to get daughters of members to help with social media.

Web Site

The ADBCMS web site has been switched over to a new host. Scottie still has a few things to finish up in order for it to be complete. We have stopped paying the old host and have stopped receiving bills from them.

Google Group

Jim E. agreed to add new members to the ADBCMS Google group. He said he is waiting for the latest roster of members from Judy.

Membership

Jan has asked Kris Dahlstrom to spearhead a membership drive. She is working on people who have attended past conventions. Kris also provided the design for the lapel pins, which we can use as a new fundraiser.

Facebook

Kristen agreed to contact Scottie Kersta-Wilson about a group Facebook page before the next issue of the Quan, with a deadline of November 10th. She agreed to write a blurb for the Quan advertising the FB page.

Grants and Scholarships

The board discussed whether or not we should continue awarding grants and whether we should add or replace grants with scholarships. We have budgeted \$5000 for grants in the past, and the ad for grants has been pretty open. The board agreed that the money has been well spent. We agreed to set aside \$5000 again for grants and to be careful in our selection process so that we continue to fund quality projects.

The board discussed the possibility of also adding scholarships for students. Scholarships can be used for any academic purpose and wouldn't necessarily result in a project on a specific topic. We could screen applicants for students interested in a relevant area, or we could use the funds for scholarships for descendants. For tax purposes, either the ADBCMS or the academic institution would need to follow up and make sure the money was going toward academic expenses. Academic institutions would charge for this responsibility.

The board decided to stay with the grant model, but also discussed expanding our search for proposals to include students studying topics relevant to our group. The grants committee would need to do some research to find places to advertise the grants, and they might need to modify the application to make it more directed toward students. A thesis project might take more than a year to finish. We would need to determine the right criteria for funding students, such as whether their work should have to be published, and whether we would provide more money for projects that will get more exposure. We might also need to be prepared to accept a lesser product from students, perhaps with less money.

ADBC Museum

Jan attended a museum board meeting last week via telephone. The museum has a new hire in place and they are sending out grant proposals. They are still struggling with their bylaws and getting 501C3 status. The ADBC gave them \$86,000. The museum hasn't given an accounting so far of how the money has been spent. Joe Vader, also on the museum board, is pushing for an accounting of the money and for budget proposals so they can obtain 501C3 status.

Quan

Jan had a long conversation with George Wallace about the Quan. George still considers the newsletter to be a joint venture, and not the official newsletter of the ADBCMS. Jan explained that the original ADBC members intended for it to belong to this group. The board discussed how we should make sure the Quan continues to be a useful and reliable newsletter for the ADBCMS. Jan is working on getting the next issue of the Quan ready to mail.

2015 Convention

The registration form and relevant information for the 2015 Convention need to go into the upcoming issue of the Quan. Judy will supply that material. We will emphasize that the convention is taking place in the great city of New Orleans. We still need to find a banquet speaker. The board discussed asking the retired Filipino-American major general whose father was a Filipino scout, Antonio (Tony) Taguba. Jan also suggested Paul Tibbits Jr, grandson of Paul Tibbets, pilot of the *Enola Gay*, and Ken Davis. The board decided to rank the speakers and then contact them in that order. The organization will pay for their hotel and flights. The board also considered asking a British citizen from the British version of our organization. While it would be good to reach across the Atlantic, it would also mean an increase in air travel expenses. Jim N recommended the actor Ron

Livingston, who starred in the television series Band of Brothers and whose grandfather survived the Bataan Death March: <http://mariontoday.org/times/article.php?id=1118>

2016 Convention

Judy has talked to a few hotels in San Antonio and she will be talking with Linda McDavitt about the city. A motion was made to pay for Judy's airfare to San Antonio to check out convention sites. The motion was seconded and approved.

The board took a vote on which lapel pin design we should use, and chose the first design that Kris Dahlstrom had sent.

The meeting was adjourned at 7:05 pm Central Time.

Respectfully submitted,

Kristen Meilicke
ADBCMS Secretary