

ADBCMS Board Meeting 3-10-2015

The meeting was called to order at 6:13 pm CT.

Present were Jan Thonpson, Judy Pruitt, Kristen Meilicke, and Caroline Burkhart.

Jan announced that we need to hold board meetings every other week from now until the convention.

White Sands Memorial March

Members have voiced concerns about the organizers not giving priority housing to the POWs. Members who are present need to contact higher ups about housing for POWs and their caretakers, with separate rooms if necessary. Cindy in Protocol promised POWs and their families who attended last year that they would get houses to stay in this year. The POWs pay for their own travel. It would be helpful to see their financials, reach out, and make connections with people in charge. We should try to bring Deborah Bergbower, Sarah Leonard, and Nancy Kragh into a meeting with Cindy from Protocol. Alan Overmier, and Patty will be there as well.

Jan is providing DVDs of her movie "Tragedy of Bataan" and Lester Tenny's books to sell. We will sell books for \$10. Linda McDavitt will provide patches. Kristen will bring T-shirts, hats, and bags. We need to give a box of books to the New Mexico group after the march. We should also look for the Mukden group to give extras.

The Quan

We need to get the next issue of the Quan out by the end of March. Jan got another bid from a printer near her for \$100 less than Susan's person. We could bring the price down further in the future by having less than 20 pages or by providing half the pages in color and half in black and white. George and Jane saved money by folding, tabbing and labeling them themselves, but they didn't use bulk mailing recently. The printer needs a minimum order of 200 copies. We currently send out 270, which will be closer to 300 in the future. Susan will lay out in InDesign and put it into a pdf document, board members will proof it, and the pdf will go to Jan's printer with a 2-3 day turn around, including the folding, tabbing, and labeling.

Jan has been collecting content for the Quan. We need a hard address as well as an email address where people can send material. Jan has asked Scottie to get the email address connected to our website. The coming issue of the Quan will have something about the change in management and let readers know we are in transition. This will be a good opportunity to make changes, get columns from descendants about their dads, and find new types of content. We can begin charging for certain types of ads, excluding books by POWs. It would be helpful to solicit ads from more supporters. We will use ADBCMS funds to pay for the POW and widow copies, so that we do not put the burden on other members. It may be helpful to check out our bylaws for when the yearly dues should start.

Lists of Members and POWs

Judy says she sent out a reminder for dues and got many postcards returned, meaning we have outdated addresses.

Caroline has found a news story about a POW who hasn't been involved with the ADBC but has now met a member and they are becoming friends.

Caroline has been working with the lists. The one from the library is missing some POWs from the POW list. Some POWs don't have contact information on the list, just a number, so we need to find their addresses. Jan has 25 guys who want to go to Japan, but only 4-5 of them are on our current list. Caroline needs to email Jan with some of the 4 digit numbers and names so that Jan can ask the library for their addresses.

2015 Convention

Caroline will give Jan the contact information for Anthony Taguba for our banquet speaker. The President of the Philippine Heritage Society is another possibility.

Jan has another possibility for a free lunch for the POWs, but the board decided we want to keep the POWs at the convention, so we'll pass on the extra one.

Judy hasn't heard back from the filmmaker who is making a presentation. She will try to contact her again. Jan found a person who trains soldiers who might become POWs. He lives in New Orleans and might be a possible presenter. Judy will look at the schedule to see when it would be convenient for him to present, 3-4 on Wednesday, 9:30-10:45 Th, 3:30-4:30 Th, 11-12 is for the Grant presentation. We can have the Japanese friendship trip participants give a presentation if we need more material.

Judy will contact jazz bands for the Quan party.

Elections

We need to create a Finance Committee to make recommendations regarding our funds. Jan will ask Mary Jane to be part of it, and see about our taxes.

Judy would rather not do the taxes this year. We need to find somebody to do it by May 15th. Scott Rubenstein is an accountant. Jan will contact him as well.

Our next meeting will be the week of the March 23rd.

The meeting was adjourned at 7:20 pm CT.

Respectfully submitted,

Kristen Meilicke
ADBCMS Secretary