

FBICEF Board Meeting—July 27, 2012

The meeting was called to order by President Jerry Taylor at 7:50 AM on July 27, 2012 at the University Plaza Hotel, Springfield, Missouri. Present, in addition to the President were Treasurer, Jon Houserman and directors—Katrina Franklin, Ellen Hill, Bob Hohl, Rosalie Ingle, Ray Schomas, Helen Swan and Bill Wetherton .

Minutes of the July 27, 2011 Board meeting were approved, on a motion by Hill, seconded by Schomas.

The **2012 Treasurer's Report** was presented by Houserman. As of July 18, 2012 the with a beginning cash balance was \$7682, receipts to-date of \$3,383 and expenses to date of \$4,384 with an ending cash balance of \$6,681.

Various budget changes occurred during the year to the initial 2012 annual budget, particularly \$2000.00 allocated expenses for the website upgrade. Houserman presented a 2012 **Proposed Budget Amendment** for \$6050 in revenues, \$8450 in expenses and an anticipated 12/31/12 fiscal year cash balance of \$5283. On a motion by Schomas, seconded by Hohl, the amended budget was approved.

Houserman presented a **2013 Proposed Annual Budget** with projected revenues of \$6,200 and expenditures of \$6,450, along with an anticipated 12/31/13 fiscal year-end cash balance of \$5,033. It was moved by Swan, seconded by Franklin. All approved.

Fundraising activities for the year:

Hohl indicated that the cheese and soup cookbooks are still being sold and new members are given complimentary copy. Also, Polychrome booklets and DVD's were sold.

Hohl indicated that three (3) items were in the raffle and that tickets were distributed via the convention materials with tickets selling for \$5 or 3 for \$12. He noted that the Fund needed to purchase one item because of the lack of quality donations. It seems that purchasing items may be needed in the future. The method of choosing the prizes was discussed. It was pointed out that winners could not just pick their prize from the three offerings, because if one or more of the winners were not in attendance , they could not make a choice. It was decided that next year the raffle tickets will ask the ticket purchasers to pick their 1, 2 or 3 choice, by checking a box on the ticket. The raffle ticket will need to be redesigned

Hohl also indicated that there was considerable interest in the silent auction and that 20 items were pledged prior to the convention.

Hohl noted that auction seats with perks would again be auctioned off at the luncheon meeting on Saturday, however, winners would select their seats anywhere in the audience rather than only have a front seat option.

Hohl also indicated that he and his wife were doing a color book on child's pieces, that he would offer to the Fund at his cost. The Fund would then be able to sell them at an increased price. He indicated that since the book would contain pieces other than flow blue and mulberry, that he has offered this same option to the White Ironstone Club (WICA) and the Tealeaf Collector's Club. WICA has already accepted the offer. After discussion, the Board agreed to purchase books from the Hohls as they are sold, requiring no upfront investment from the Fund.

Hohl indicated an additional fundraiser -- a simple auction of a donated flow blue piece at the Region 1 meeting.

Swan reported that the **Pattern Identification Project** was going very well, with several hundred patterns having been identified and photographed, with 1608 patterns recorded thus far.

Swan also reported the **Education Committee Convention Programs** as follows:

2013- Child's Wares- presentation by the Hohls

2014- Mulberry- presentation by Ellen Hill

2015- Dessert Sets- presenter to be determined.

Election of Directors—

Franklin and Schomas were elected to new 3 year terms ending 2015 -. On a motion by Houserman, second by Hill. All approved.

Election of Officers for 2012-2013—

Taylor- President on a motion by Hohl, seconded by Wetherton.

Houserman - Treasurer on a motion by Hohl, seconded by Franklin

Hohl - Managing Director and Secretary –on a motion by Houserman, seconded by Schomas.

All approved.

In other business, Ingle shared her newly published children's book, that she presented as a silent auction item.

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 9:46 AM.

Respectfully submitted,

Bob Hohl
Managing Director and Secretary