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June 23, 1989

A G E N D A

- President: Phil May
Call to Order and Introduction of Members and Guest
- Secretary: Dr. Edna Saffy
Submission of Minutes
- Treasurer: Dr. Mel New
Treasurer's Report
- Vice President: Dr. Kevin McCarthy
- Committee Reports:
- Publications Chair, Dr. Anne Jones
Newsletter
Journal
- Citizen Support Committee
- Annual Meeting Committee (1990)
- By-laws Committee
- Nomination Committee, Chair, Phil May

OLD BUSINESS

NEW BUSINESS

Submitted by Dr. Edna Saffy, Secretary



MARJORIE KINNAN RAWLINGS OFFICERS AND TRUSTEES MEETING
June 23, 1989

PRESENT

Phil May, President
Dr. Kevin McCarthy, Vice President
Dr. Edna Saffy, Secretary
Dr. Michael Gannon, Trustee
J. T. Glisson, Trustee
Al Burt, Trustee
Shirley Nichols, Chair of the 3rd Annual Meeting Committee
Ned Davis, Rawlings Fellow/Staff Assistant

Minutes of the June 23, 1989, monthly business meeting of the Rawlings Society as recorded by Ned Davis.

PRESIDENT

The meeting was called to order at 2:05 P.M. by Pres. Philip May. Mr. May extended a warm welcome to the new Rawlings Fellow, Ned Davis, for the '89-90 school year.

SECRETARY

Dr. Edna Saffy asked if there were amendments to the minutes. A motion was received to adopt them as submitted. Motion carried.

TREASURER'S REPORT

Since Dr. Melvyn New was not in attendance the Board waived the treasurer's report.

Vice President

Dr. Kevin McCarthy opened the discussion of the MKR logo. He reported on questions concerning credit for Lee Burnham, who sculpted the bust of MKR which now stands at the Rawlings House. Phil May promptly nominated Dr. Edna Saffy, Jake Glisson and Sally Morrison to the Logo Committee. Dr. Saffy said that she appreciated the work done thus far on the logo but suggested throwing it open to more discussion, and perhaps a competition. The criteria to be met would be to design a logo that was "simple, recognizable and unique."

Dr. McCarthy next announced that a grant for \$23,000 was awarded towards preserving the Rawlings House. The grant was awarded by the Historic Preservation Advisory Council. They will work in conjunction with the UF Architectural Preservation Department. A condition of the grant stipulates that the Citizen Support Committee must also raise \$1,000.

Finally, Dr. McCarthy stated that the CSO would meet again in July.

Phil May suggested that the MKR Newsletter in July might mention that the Castle Warden building will be opening in July.

1990 News

Shirley Nichols, chair of the Ocala Committee, reported on options for the 1990 Annual Meeting. These included staying at the Hilton Hotel on I-75, or possibly the Hotel Sovereign (the Old Hotel Marion); and possibly a tour of the Ritz and also the Appleton Museum. Ms. Nichols will need to submit a budget for the 1990 meeting.

It was suggested that the meetings be thrown open to high-school faculty, librarians and historical societies.

Dr. Michael Gannon announced that he has written a play based on the Cross Creek Trial, and would like to have it produced for the Spring Meeting.

Mr. Glisson, speaking for the Board, "strongly encouraged the production of the play."

Phil May opened the discussion about whether to hold the meeting before or after Easter, so as not to clash with UF's or Ocala's Spring break. He then put it in Ms. Nichols' hands to decide which weekend would be the best. Ms. Nichols agreed but needs to know the specific requirements for the Board.

Suggestions for 1990

Phil May suggested the following schedule:

Thursday Evening - Reception and Dinner (possibly at the Old Marion)

Friday - Papers during the day, Lunch, Dr. Gannon's play

Saturday - More papers, A tour in the afternoon (possibly with a box lunch), Formal Dinner

Dr. Gannon suggested also having a Folksinger (maybe Ernie Williams) sing at Friday's lunch or Saturday's dinner.

It was agreed that everyone present should have a proposal for 1990 by the next meeting.

Nominating Committee

Dr. Saffy read the report of the committee meeting. Then Phil May spoke of how he has been looking for ways of reducing his responsibilities as president, and stated that he needs assistance in the form of a second vice-president. He then announced that he had spoken to Al Burt about taking on the duties, and that he had agreed.

Dr. Saffy moved that the By-Laws be amended to read "2nd Vice-President" and also to amend the number "1st" to current Vice-president Kevin McCarthy's title. Dr. Gannon seconded the motion and the Board carried.

Proposals for new Board were: President - Phil May, 1st Vice-president - Dr. Kevin McCarthy, 2nd Vice-president - Al Burt, Secretary - Dr. Edna Saffy, Treasurer - Dr. Melvyn New.

Dr. Saffy noted that the slate had "few women" and that in the future it should have "a better balance." Along these lines, Dr. McCarthy offered to switch with Dr. Saffy, who was "honored" and "appreciated the offer" but declined, predicting more women in the future...

Dr. Saffy moved to accept the slate. Motion carried. She also moved to accept Dr. Patricia Craddock and Ms. Shirley Nichols to

replace departing one-year Board members Elise Sanguinetti and Rosemary Jones. Motion carried.

Phil May reminded the Board that Dr. Anne Jones had at the last meeting suggested that she not be a Trustee, thereby opening up room for a new Trustee. Dr. Samuel Procter offered several names for future candidates. "For the sake of the stationery," Dr. Saffy moved that a decision be made about who would be the new Archivist by the next meeting.

Old Business

Dr. Saffy wanted to know the exact duties and responsibilities of the new Rawlings Fellow. Those duties include: working an average of 20 hours bi-weekly under the direct supervision of Dr. Anne Jones; assisting Dr. Jones in the production and publication of the MKR Newsletter and The Rawlings Journal. This work will involve editing, proofreading, typing, attending MKR Society meetings, and other related duties. Effective 8/11/89 through 5/10/90.

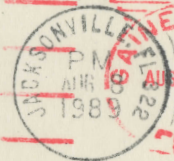
New Business

There was some discussion of an MKR Postage Stamp for her 100th birthday.

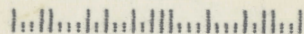
The next meeting will be Tuesday, August 29, 1989, at 2:00 P.M. in the Rare Book Room of Library West at the University of Florida.

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