Executive Council Meeting Minutes

Teleconference Call 712-432-3447 access code 251516

February 13, 2018

President Mark Bulger called the meeting to order at 7:33pm. In attendance were board members Mark Bulger, Chris Brennfoerder, Jim Jirak, Dale Oviatt and Barb Epworth. Guests present were Sharon Brennfoerder, Becky Brennfoerder, Janet Doulas, Kenda Slavin and Connie Stilwell.

The purpose of the call was to discuss plans for the upcoming convention slated for April 20-22 in Columbus. Mark expressed concern that attendance might not justify the expense to hold the event in Columbus. He instead proposed either completely cancelling or postponing for one year the idea of a convention in Columbus and holding a one day event in Omaha. Jim reported that if we cancel completely without a postponement we would be assessed the meeting room charge plus 80% of one night worth of each of the 20 set aside sleeping room charges. Following lengthy discussion, a motion was made, seconded and passed to postpone Columbus until April of 2019 and hold the 2018 state convention April 21 in Omaha making it a daylong event.

ACBN Website: Jim reported that he had met via telephone with the Lincoln based design team to discuss a website redesign. The project should be complete in 5 weeks. One of the members of the design team expressed concern about the lack of images and whether we wished their inclusion. As Google images are copy written, we could secure up to 5 images for $49 from other Internet sources unless we had the means to secure free images elsewhere. Prior to the call, Jim encouraged the development team to seek free sources prior to paying for images. A motion was made, seconded and passed to spend up to $100 for images for the new look website.

Adjournment: The meeting was adjourned at 8:10pm.

Respectfully submitted,

Jim Jirak

Secretary