

O.A.P.I. Board Meeting Minutes

Department of Commerce

Reynoldsburg, Ohio

January 12, 2010

The January 12, 2010 Board meeting of the OAPI was called to order at 9:05 by President Dean Wells.

Dean then led the attendees in the pledge of allegiance to the flag.

Roll call was answered by Dean, Vice President Lisa Humble, Executive Secretary Dale Williamson, Trustee Wyatt Simmons and John Bumgartner. Associate member Ron Schmitt, Ralph Reeb and Tom Spayth were also in attendance.

Executive Secretary Williamson gave the treasurer report which showed his balance and the bank balance to be the same. John asked how this year's balance compared with that of last year. Dale's records show just a few dollars difference. Minutes of the November 10th meeting were distributed. Motion to accept the report was made by John and second by Wyatt.

Ralph then gave a report on the conference educational classes. Previously Tom Carlton had asked how many credit hours would be given for the conference. Ralph said that BBS had Okd 14 hours of credit from them if you stayed all three days. DIC, OCILB and RS will receive 10 hours.

Ralph said that the class titled 2010 Plumbing Code Update may have to be changed to something else. The Board of Building Standards at their December meeting put adoption of the entire building code on hold.

Once again it was stressed that sign in sheets will be of the utmost importance. If an attendee fails to sign in they will receive no credit for the class.

Wyatt then stated he had 18 vendors for sure with possibly several more to come. He hopes to have as many as 25 which would be almost double that of last year.

At this time Dean thanked Lisa and Ralph for "covering" for him during his illness last fall. Dean said he didn't know what he would have done without their help.

A lengthy discussion then occurred about meals at the conference. The big discussion as always was about what to have for the main course followed closely with what to have for dessert. Final decisions were made and turned over for Dean to pass on to the Embassy Suite.

Trustee reports then followed with Wyatt stating things were looking fairly good in his area. A Whirlpool plant was slated to reopen. The casino to be built in Toledo will create work for the trades. Eric Helms has started a backflow school in Findlay. The American Legends ball complex has already broken ground. This complex will have 17 ball diamonds, dorms, mess hall and assorted retail stores. There will be a need for an estimated 10,000 motel or hotel rooms. This far exceeds the current amount.

Lisa said her district was slow and that Hamilton County was thinking about taking on medical gas. John reported that his department had received prints for three new high schools.

Dale reported that Caterpillar was going to build a new plant in Clayton. The company plans to have 500 full time employees. This will be their largest facility east of the Mississippi also the University of Dayton is taking over the former NCR building in Dayton. The buildings will be remodeled to accommodate high tech research labs and classes.

Dean stated his area is slow and the outlook for a good year is not promising.