

Unit 508 Board of Directors Meeting
August 11, 2011

The meeting was called to order at 4:02 by Gene Simpson.

Present: Gene Simpson, Debbie Levine, Ingrid Purcell, Kathy Sanders, Ellen Schiller, Frank Aftowicz, Anne Herner and Lynn Blankfort. Absent: Sue Bowser and Sue Parker.

Secretary's Report: The minutes were approved.

Treasurer's Report: Ellen reported that we have a balance of \$14,845.27.

Membership Report: There are 640 members. Ingrid attributes this jump to the Mentor Program.

Education Report: Barbara Seagram now has over 100 people signed up and will be totally sold out shortly. Our expenses will be less than last year because both Santa Rosa and the East Bay are participating. We will pay approximately \$2000.00

There are already 75 people signed up for Vicki Lerner's seminar on August 28th. Terra Linda Rec Center has agreed to charge us approximately what we paid last year for the room rental.

"Remote Education" is a new concept for bringing in speakers via Skype, which is both cost and time effective. It has been tried in the East Bay, and the feedback has been extremely positive. Debbie is investigating this for our unit in the future.

Debbie will call Michael Nistler for help with the sound system for these seminars.

Terry Terzian will return for a seminar in January.

Tournament Report: Kathy reported that Starbucks will charge \$90.00 for a pot of coffee. Gene also added that boards should be made up in advance.

Hospitality: Kathy said that the Unit Games now have many dates filled in with people willing to bring food and that everyone seems satisfied.

Old Business: Unit Games: Bob Haar will start a dialogue with Crossley Club regarding finances and Unit participation and cooperation in order to work together for the common goal of promoting Bridge in Marin County.

Use Tax: Lynn moved that the Unit pay the Use tax for both Peggy's and Crossley's Dealing Machine. Bob seconded the motion and it was passed by the Board.

New Business:

1. Gene brought up the question of 1099 Forms for Directors.
2. Ron Studen resigned as District 21 Representative.
3. Gene appointed Carol Liss as District 21 Representative.
4. Gene asked Debbie to investigate the cost of hand computers for the games.

The next meeting will be on Monday September 12th at Pickleweed

The meeting was adjourned at 5:10 p.m.

Respectfully submitted by Lynn Blankfort, Secretary.