

WPA SPOKANE CHAPTER

BOARD MEETING

MARCH 6, 2008

Members Present: Jerry Baur, Al Gilson, Duane Lukan, Blake McKinley, Bob Warner,
Gary and Carolyn White

Members Absent: Bill Jackman, Tom Morris

TREASURER'S REPORT: Blake graciously opened up his conference room to us even though he had a family obligation tonight. Before leaving he briefly shared with us membership has increased to forty-two members for a 62% increase which is more than what we had last year at this same time. No report was given.

Before getting started on the debriefing process, Gary White took a moment to give thank you to everyone in making this function run as smoothly as it did.

OLD BUSINESS: We took time to share our thoughts on the outcome of this year's dinner/auction held at Mirabeau Hotel. We made suggestions in areas of improvement to make this function go even smoother than it did this year. One unfortunate incident occurred with the neighboring occupants who were celebrating a wedding. The problem arose during our speaker; Amy Hoover began her presentation. People sitting closest to the partition walls were unable to hear her due to the loud dance music being played. The hotel has sent us the bill and there will need to be some adjustments made before we make any final payment to the Mirabeau. According to the hotel there was an adjustment made of \$4,905. Negotiations are still in progress.

Jerry Baur stated it took him about two hours to initially put all of the auction items into a spread sheet using Excel. He suggested filing a copy of this year's format to use for next year. Another idea he expressed was to put more of the expensive items on the last table. Duane Lukan felt the check – in process went well. At

first there was some confusion as to how the hotel was going to distinguish diners what meal they had ordered. They decided to use different colored tickets to be handed out to individuals. Carolyn White mentioned that if at all possible; try to get auction items earlier in the year before businesses reach their quota of giving to organizations. The number of tables set up for dinner exceeded the amount that was coming. There were sixteen tables set and four were removed. As for the auction tables, we need twelve tables minimum to hold all of the items. That would be three sets of four tables each.

Bob Warner came to the meeting to find out how much support there is for continuing Saturday fly-outs. He made the suggestion that perhaps the upcoming location could be listed in the newsletter.

Al Gilson mentioned he is once again downsizing the number of newsletters printed each month. It is now down to 175 copies.

NEW BUSINESS:

A suggestion was raised by Al Gilson that perhaps we should get in touch with Brent Morrow and do some FAA classes. There seems to be an interest. Gary did make contact with Brent during the Puyallup convention. Discussion needs to continue.

The next state WPA board meeting will be March 15 in Wenatchee. Gary will be attending. The next general meeting for WPA will be March 19 at Marie Callender's with Barry Huck speaking on the changes of ELTs. Next board meeting will be April 3, 2008 6:30 PM. Meeting adjourned at 7:40 PM.