

MANO Board Meeting February 27, 2008
Meeting called to order 6:50 pm

Board members present, Bob Curtis, Wendy Hawbaker, Jerry Leeds and Harrold Spicknall, Dave Waldorf

Item 1 - Minutes from January meeting were approved.

Item 2: Treasurers report – January 31, 2008 balance \$8939.66 and we gained 3 new members.

Item 3 - Nominating committee - Harrold received 3 nominations: Wendy Hawbaker for President, Mark Newton for President and Dave Waldorf for Treasurer. Both Wendy and Dave declined nominations. In the groups interest Harrold Spicknall indicated that he would run for Secretary if Beverly Briggs was not going to run and Jerry Leeds indicated that he would run for Treasurer if Dave Waldorf was not going to run.

It was decided to send out a second e-mail to all members looking for nominations.

Item 4 – Membership – It was agreed that we should send out a Welcome letter to all new members. It was suggested that we look into a computer program for maintaining membership information and updating dues. Also we were going to look into sending out statements reminding members to pay their annual dues.

Group wants to form a membership committee to seek out new members and retain existing ones.

Item 5 - Public Outreach Committee – Matt Mennes and Jenn Lanz will be preparing documents for distribution to members requesting volunteers to serve on the Speakers Bureau, and looking for suggestions for organizations in need of speakers. The Public Outreach Committee will also be developing 2 power point presentations describing mediation: one for general civil mediation and one for divorce mediation.

Item 6 - Matt Mennes and Jim Timonere attended the Ohio Mediation Summit and will report on that meeting at the next membership meeting

Item 7 - Foreclosure Mediation training will be conducted as the court wants to train mediators at no cost. MANO would help with advertising the program to MANO members.

The Cleveland Bar Association and the Cuyahoga County Bar Association were merging and forming a new organization to be called the Metropolitan Bar Association

Item 8 - Annual conference. Reported that CEU's were approved and we were still waiting to hear about the CLE's . As of this meeting we had received money for one sponsor and some phone calls regarding the conference. One call made a request for a quantity discount if 4 or more people attended from the same organization. Jerry indicated that if 4 or more did sign up that they could use the MANO member's cost and if they registered before April 1 they would be entitled to the early registration discount. All Board members accepted this notion. We were planning to send out the mailing to

approximately 450 people on March 3rd.

Item 9 - Peace Making Award – Patty Bertschler was surprised to learn that we were not going to continue awards. Board members present indicated that the present MANO Board will not be involved in this award this year, but that future Board's may choose to be involved.

No date was set for a March board meeting.

Meeting adjourned at 8:15 pm