

NHFA Annual Meeting
October 13, 2012, Chicago, IL
7 p.m.

- ⤴ Greeting/Welcome by Merilynne Rush
- ⤴ Donna Belk proposed that we accept the minutes of the 2011 Annual Membership Meeting and that proposal passed unanimously.
- ⤴ Executive Committee Reports were provided to members in advance, but Merilynne read the following reports aloud. All reports were approved by membership.
 - President's Report written by Char Barrett
 - Vice President's Report written by Beth Knox
 - Secretary's Report written by Donna Belk.
 - Treasurer's Report written by Cari Leverse was summarized. Net income of \$14000.
- ⤴ Additional Committee Reports were reported and were approved.
 - Ad hoc committee report by Lee Webster. Correction: Educating home funeral guides to educate the public.
 - Events
 - Membership
 - Resource
- ⤴ A vote was put before the membership to amend the Bylaws. These amendments were provided to the membership in advance of the annual meeting. The membership approved the amendments. Then there were two additional proposed changes to the bylaws which were approved unanimously:
 - that the treasurer not be required to be a board member
 - add a Finance Committee to the bylaws
- ⤴ Merilynne explained the new membership process and that she had moved away from a three-tiered approach to open membership with voluntary donations. Margaret Henderson asked if members were being supportive enough to the organization. Merilynne responded that she thought they were. Lee Webster explained that fundraising committee would be taking a larger role to bring in money for the organization. Merilynne discussed some of the problems with memberships due to the limitations of Wild Apricot, our membership software program. Beth Knox defined a 501c3 and 501c6 organization.
- ⤴ Slate of new officers
 - Char introduced the slate and this was formal notification that new members Olivia Barnham, Pat Hogan, Anne Oconnor and Cassandra Yonder would be joining the board. Char introduced the new Executive Board of Beth Knox, President, Lee Webster, Vice President, Merilynne Rush, Secretary and Pat Hogan, Treasurer.
- ⤴ Beth Knox recognized outgoing board members Jerrigrace Lyons and Char Barrett for their service to NHFA. She awarded certificates to them in appreciation of their work. Also Donna Belk was recognized for her service due to her upcoming sabbatical from the board.
- ⤴ Beth Knox explained how the committees worked and asked people to sign up to be on the different committees. Lee Webster referenced a sheet explaining the committees and their activities. We took a break in the meeting for people to sign up for the different committees.
- ⤴ Merilynne opened the floor to new business, questions and goals. The following items were discussed:
 - putting a google map on the website indicating where members were located
 - creating a membership directory

- conference attendees would like a list of all the people participating in the conference
- proposal for the 2013 retreat to be hosted by outside groups

Meeting adjourned at 8:45 p.m.