

U.S.S. Topeka (CLG-8) Reunion Association, Inc.
Board Meeting
San Antonio, Texas
September 19, 2008 Meeting Minutes

- I. President, John Reynolds, called the board meeting to order at 4:00 p.m.

Present: John Reynolds
Dudley Cass
Ken Noble
Dan Moore
Ray Spatz
Jerry Craig
Absent: Jack Connery

- II. Minutes from the September 14, 2007 Indianapolis, IN board meeting were read by John Reynolds. Ray Spatz made the motion to approve the minutes as read. Dudley Cass seconded the motion. All agreed.

- III. Clare Smart submitted her resignation as Secretary/Treasurer. The Board nominated Dudley Cass to replace Clare as Secretary/Treasurer. A vote will be put to the members at the September 20th general meeting.

The Board voted by acclamation to re-elect John Reynolds as President and Chairman of the Board.

The Board nominated Jack Timmons to be a member of the Board. The slate of Board Members will be put to the members at the September 20th general meeting for approval.

- IV. Dudley Cass made the recommendation to offer perks to certain positions. After much discussion it was suggested that the Reunion Coordinator's room be paid for from Monday through Saturday. It was also suggested that the Secretary/Treasurer's room be paid for from Wednesday thru Saturday. Clare Smart made the motion to present these perks for approval by the members. Ken Noble seconded the motion. All agreed. The recommendation of these perks will be put to the members at the September 20th general meeting for approval.
- V. Kathy Spatz, Newsletter Editor, requested the purchase of a soft ware program, Paint Shop, which will enable her to add pictures to the newsletters. All agreed.
- VI. John Reynolds asked for suggestions on what to give to Ruth Cass, Ken Noble, Kathy Spatz, Clare Smart and Jack Timmons. It was agreed that John

Reynolds purchase gift cards for \$50 each from Starbucks. Jerry Craig made the motion and Dan Moore seconded it. All agreed.

VII. New Business

Membership. Discussion on who received the directories and newsletters. It was made clear that only those active shipmates receive the newsletters and the directories are sent out to shipmates whose dues are current.

It was also brought up for discussion of using the Topeka web site for the three times yearly newsletter instead of mailing them out in order to keep costs down. The approximate cost is 69.2 cents plus postage for an approximate total of \$1.15 for each newsletter. The topic will be brought up before the members at the general meeting for discussion and approval.

Jerry Craig was approached by Robert Bond to ask the Board if the Board would consider sending one officer to Topeka the weekend of November 1st when the bell will be moved from its present site to the high school where the bell will be permanently placed. It was recommended that Robert Bond contact Jack Connery since Robert Bond had made initial contact with Jack in inviting the Gunner and his wife to our reunion.

Kathy Spatz stated that since she and Ray have the experience now of hosting two reunions that she would be willing to put together a list of tips and amounts that could be passed on to the future reunion coordinators. She feels this would definitely assist a new reunion coordinator and make their job a lot easier.

John Reynolds announced that Richard (Dick) Ramsey bequeathed \$1,000 in his will to be used specifically for the hospitality room at our next reunion. John will also announce this at the general meeting.

Kathy Spatz brought up for discussion the possibility of closing the hospitality suite during the time tours were being conducted. Her concern was that some people go to the hospitality suite, because of nothing else to do, and drink up a lot of the alcohol. She and Ray were concerned about the expenses because they were buying additional alcohol in short periods of time and she felt some were taking advantage of the free alcohol. After much discussion it was felt that the hospitality suite is a place that welcomes everyone and should remain open all day and evening, other than for the Friday and Saturday night dinners as well as when the general meeting is held. John said that he doesn't want to discourage anyone from access to the hospitality suite because of the comradery that is shared there.

Kathy Spatz also suggested that the Board consider sending some money to the Ike Relief Fund in Texas. No motion was taken.

Kathy Spatz also brought up for discussion the possibility of a cruise for the 2010 reunion. She will gather more information and present it to the members at the general meeting.

No more business, the meeting adjourned at approximately 5:35 p.m.

Respectfully submitted:
Clare Smart
Secretary/Treasurer