

RICHARD III SOCIETY BOARD MEETING

Sunday, January 30th 2011

Present: Jacqueline Bloomquist, Jonathan Hayes, Amber McVey, Diane Hoffman, Wayne Ingalls, Joan Szechman, Nita Musgrave

The meeting was opened at 4:02pm ET by Chair J. Bloomquist.

The minutes were approved .

Diane told the Board she had received an invoice from a Shakespeare Theatre Company in MA. It was for a quarter page advertisement in their playbill. Joan said that she had heard discussion about the New England chapter placing an advertisement but she thought this had already been paid. Joan gave Diane the name and e-mail address of someone in the NE chapter to contact.

Nita told the Board she had said she would send a letter to Ellen Perlman so that she can claim a deduction on her taxes for the 1896 book, "The Little Princes in the Tower". Diane said that the tax ID # should not be given out and unless Ellen has a valuation for the book the amount claimed should be whatever it sells for at the AGM.

Joan announced she would like to change the format of the Register from it's current size to 5 1/2" x 8 1/2" or 6" x 9".

Robbie could not give her a price right away for the former but the latter would cost \$1875 for 400 copies. Currently we only pay \$1175 for the same number. Joan will check around to see if she can find better prices. Jacqueline said she will also check with a printer friend and get prices for comparison.

Jonathan received pictures from Robert of the boxes in which the Bulletins arrived but has not received a count.

The Bulletins will go out with the Register. Robert was waiting for the new PO Box # before sending out the Registers. Amber has now sent that to him.

Amber reminded us that a while ago we agreed to set up an e-mail for Robert to contact the Board. Amber will remind William to do that . She noted that he had discussed this with her and said it presented some problems.

Diane brought up the subject of official stationery. Since we are almost out now is the time to decide if we wish to change it. Diane will scan it and send it out to Board members so we can decide about changes if any. In response to Joan's request Amber said she will add Diane Rubino to the Board discussion group.

Charlie had ordered stock for the sales office from the UK society. With shipping, the total was 550.15 pounds which is approximately \$890. A motion was made by Jonathan and seconded by Amber that we pay the invoice. Passed unanimously.

Joan commented that her book is listed in the stock. She said she will sell the books to Charlie for 50% off price plus shipping and Charlie will reimburse her through paypal.

Amber reported she just sent out an invitation to Diana Rubino to join the Board google group, but it appears that her membership lapsed in 2007 so she cannot serve as Asst. Editor without being a member.

Diane received an e-mail from Diana Lee on the subject of invoices which show big shipping costs and either no publication charges or just charges for a small number. Diana Lee says that there is a membership charge which covers the cost of publications and then just the shipping and any other extra publications are charged for. This is the way they bill Australia and New Zealand.

We have never had this system before and no one told us there had been

a change. Up until 2008 all our invoices were the old way.

Diane has sent e-mails to Wendy Moorhen and Phil Stone saying we have always paid for publications and shipping . Wayne pointed out that the UK society say that the publications cost 16 pounds per member. He also mentioned that UK has a problem with members not renewing and their fee is higher than ours. Several members mentioned that younger people prefer digital publications which they can access on computer and I-phone. At this point there was a discussion of kindle and other reading devices.

Diane wondered if it would be possible to let the UK know which US members would like to receive their publications. We could collect and send the fee and they could ship directly to members.

Joan brought up LSI which has been mentioned in the past. They have printing plants in many countries and this would seem to be a reasonable way to get around a lot of problems. Jonathan had mentioned previously that Richard Van Allen was going to check into prices; however he has received no more information on this subject .Jonathan will get back to him and ask if he can help.

It was also brought up that since we ultimately pay the shipping costs we prefer that UPS or Fedex be used since they have a tracking service. It was also mentioned that the printers should be asked to use stronger cartons for international shipping.

The meeting was adjourned at 5:45pm. The next meeting will be held on Sunday March 13th at 4pmET.