Present were Lynn Powers, Rich Vonderhaar, Rita Kersh, Mike Bowman, Bill Sparks, Don Lane, John Huffman, Edie Huffman, Don Koors, Gerry Koors, Sue L’Esperance, and Barbara Salisbury,

Jeff Busch and Deanna Austin were not able to attend.

The meeting started at 10:10 am.

The agenda was reviewed and accepted with the addition of Focus as a topic, web committee moved to existing committees, and Rich will send the treasurer’s report.

The minutes were accepted with the following corrections:

1) On page 1, Cindy Grooking should be ???

2) On page 2, ACB dues should be $1,060.00; not $1,60.00

3) On page 3, August 29 should be Oct. 29.

4) On page 1, Don Koors should be listed as not attending.

Rich gave the report from the annual convention auction. The auction raised $935, with a donation of $77, for a total of $1,012. He gave an update of income and expenses, as of Sept. 27. Income, $1,085.12, expenses, $2,093.60. The balance in checking was $3,495.10, savings $7,124.12 for a total in Chase of $10,619.22. The Hilliard Lyons accounts (including the endowment, the Hofstetter and Ardis Dobson accounts) total $70,307.71.

The audit committee report is due in January; they want to meet with Rich. The Lakota Chapter sent a large donation/final disbursement of $3,983.17, as well as promising their unsold inventory of dining in the dark masks and cookbooks and pens for giveaway. Regret was expressed at the chapter’s dissolution.

Don Koors proposed a motion to invest the gift from Lakota in the endowment fund. The motion, to invest $5,000, was passed.

The 5th3rd account is not yet closed as funds are still being disbursed. The 2017 ACB Ohio convention will be held Oct. 20-22. She stated it will be held at a resort with a water park and adult area, about 4 hours north west of Indianapolis. The registration fee of $80 includes 4 meals. Rooms are $139 a night but sharing a room might be an option for many of us. ACBI is invited to join them; Illinois, Michigan and Wisconsin are also considering doing so. The larger base of attendees allows for more speaker options. Also, a regional meeting has been proposed for 2018.

Lynn suggested the following options be considered:

1. Hold a low-key convention like 2016
2. Joint convention with Ohio
3. No convention; concentrate on further developing website and membership

Not having a convention in 2017 would be a problem in terms of electing officers. Edie made the motion, with Mike seconding, that the 2017 convention be held jointly with Ohio. The motion passed, on a roll call vote.

Growth was the next topic of conversation. Outreach, social events, membership and public awareness are key ingredients. A good website and Facebook page can help with these efforts. Our efforts need to be pointed to growth. The new social media committee can work on outreach. Edie, Bill, Rich will serve on the committee, with additional members from each chapter. Ted Boardman, from the Bloomington chapter, was proposed. Edie will contact each chapter, for a proposed name, and get the committee going after Thanksgiving.

Public awareness events discussed were:

1. Farmers market
2. Other craft/vendor events
3. County fair
4. State fair
5. Labor Day event on Monument Circle
6. Bosma events

We can always hire tech support, especially to ensure accessibility

Focus discussion included that Bosma no longer has a print shop; they now outsource it but will not charge us for printing the Focus. It was proposed by Mike and Don Koors that ACBI donate $75 or $100 to the Bosma Foundation for each issue of Focus that Bosma has printed for us, seconded by John. The $100 figure passed. The next deadline for articles is Nov. 15.

The 2017 meeting calendar was proposed. The dates are:

Jan. 28/Feb. 4 (I had Jan 28 circled)

April 29, perhaps face to face in Bloomington

July 29, face to face in Indianapolis

Oct. 28

The meeting adjourned at 11:49 am.

Respectfully submitted,

Edythe Huffman, Secretary