

White Rose Bridge Club November 6, 2023

Members Present: Judy Parsons, Sue Cathcart, Henry Behr, Mitch Burke, Edward Scanlon, Linda Davidson, and Michele Hovis

1. President Judy Parsons called the November Board Meeting to order.
2. Minutes of the annual meeting were approved as emailed.
3. Treasurer's Report – Ed (via Judy)
 - A. September income - \$6,002.74 and September expenses - \$7,400.59
 - B. Cash balance - \$14,840.83 at the end of September plus a CD of \$10,251.86
4. Club Manager's report
 - A. Ed brought up the Tuesday afternoon game which does not draw enough players to have a game. Several suggestions were made:
 1. Call people like Henry does for the Wednesday afternoon games
 2. Have it be a Mentor/mentee game.
 3. Call it an invitational game with no point limit and have individuals invite those who have not been coming. A novice could ask a more experienced player or experienced player ask a novice.
 4. Ed asked board members to think about what the wording should be to explain this "invitational game" and to email him in the next several days.
 - B. Discussion of buying or renting another building ensued. Points raised included the following.
 1. We have approximately \$125,000 in the bank. Could be used to purchase or rent until gone.
 2. Overhead for another building may amount to 2 to 3 times what we currently are paying.
 3. The strip mall where Bel Paese Restaurant was located is a possibility.
 4. Perhaps use or rent a church or similar building for evening and/or weekend games. Advent Lutheran?
 5. Ed and/or the facilities committee will continue to look at properties, specifically the strip mall.
 - C. The club is still in need of directors.
 - D. Thursday and Friday games are low. Players need to call some of the beginners and ask them to play during that time. Board members signed up for days to call to play. Ed will let board members know of people who might play during that time so that they can be invited.
5. Old Business
 - A. Judy will email everyone to ask for corrections to the membership booklet. Corrections will then be sent to all.
 - B. Judy welcomed Michelle as a new board member and Linda as the new Vice President..

6. New Business

- A. December party will be December 15th. Food at 11:00 with a pot luck provided by members. Judy will check to see which last name letters should be bringing food. Game will begin at 12:00
- B. Chairs – Cliff Linn, Marge Boner, and Judy each want to buy a chair. Judy will make forms to give to those who may want to purchase.
- C. Jeff Osman would like to promote a cleanup day to repair tables and clean bridgemates. Perhaps a Saturday morning. The blue chairs also need to be disposed.
- D. Ed emailed people who have taken lessons to ascertain why they have not returned. He heard back from about 5. All board members are willing to make a personal call to people to invite them back. Ed will send names and the following questions could be used: Are you playing bridge somewhere? Did you find the class valuable? Do you have a partner? What would you like to have available when you play at the club?
- E. A no play/pay day with a contribution jar for donations was suggested.
- F. Linda recommended that the committees be reinstated and used. This would increase efficiency.

Next board meeting: Dec. 4th 8:00 am

Judy adjourned the meeting.

Sue Cathcart, Secretary