
George Brown College Retirees' Association Meeting

Tuesday, Nov. 21, 2023

Call to order: Dianne Diniz called the meeting to order

Present: Dianne Diniz, Georgia Quartaro, Bob Cox, Barb Dunlop, Crystal Kotow-Sullivan, Joan Reynolds, Denise Pontone, Debbie Plested

Regrets: Trish Robinson, Julie Bulmash

Motion to approve the Agenda as circulated

Moved by C. Kotow-Sullivan

Seconded by B. Cox

Carried

Approval of the Oct. 17 minutes

There was discussion regarding the entertainment scheduled for Dec. ie. How Hollywood changed the Holidays due to the war in Israel but it was decided to go ahead with this presentation.

Moved by D. Plested

Seconded by G. Quartaro

Carried

Business arising from the October 17 meeting

AGM agenda, reports and motions to be made were reviewed. D. Plested will organize Power-Point slides for AGM.

It will be announced at the AGM that many of the current Board will be completing their second year of their term this year and that a new Board will need to be voted in for 2025. Turnover engagement will be encouraged for the 2025 Board so members will be asked to become involved in GBCRA activities and administration to prepare for some turnover for 2025.

New Board members can be appointed throughout the year and then elected at the next AGM. Anne Mackenzie-Thompson has withdrawn as convener for the scholarship portfolio.

D. Plested stated that she needs access to the Zoom account that we use for the AGM preferably the GBCRA account.

The date for the rehearsal for the AGM is Tuesday Nov. 28 at 9:30 am. During the AGM there will be a YouTube presentation honoring the new retirees and a presentation of events throughout the year.

G. Quartaro and D. Dinniz will review Board positions.

Scholarship Awards Meeting – J. Reynolds and G. Quartaro met with Jane Kunovic and Gabriella Goutam of the Foundation regarding the financials of the scholarship program. They reviewed the financials from 2017 forward.

Endowment account - \$23,308.00

Scholarship account \$664.00 One award is given annually from money raised for this purpose – currently from money raised from the recent auction.

Scholarship donations can be made via a GBC link from the GBC website directly into the endowment fund.

Silent Auction – Approximately 40 people attended

B. Cox and J. Reynolds have been working on the reconciliation of proceeds.

Proceeds:

from auction sales: \$2332.00; from donations; \$510.00; from admissions: \$1005.00.

Expenses:

\$400 for pianist

\$1062 for caterer

\$398 for the hall rental

The cost of the hall and pianist were paid out of GBCRA funds. Catering costs were paid from admissions proceeds.

Suggestion – that an advance payment deadline be set and communicated to members for those wishing to attend an event.

Future fundraising possibilities: raffles and/or 50/50 draws held at events.

Meeting with President

This meeting has been postponed until Jan. 10 or 11 2024 at 2-3 pm

Reports

Co-chairs – as per minutes

Membership – D. Plested

Concern is not getting new retirees converting to new members. Paid memberships remain neck- and-neck with last year which was an all-time high

Treasurer's Report – J. Reynolds

2024 budget was presented and is in line with the actual budget report from last year. We hit our fundraising target and slightly below target for new member fees. Constant Contact and Hover fees have increased and these are our two highest communications expenses.

Current balance is \$18,000.

Communications – B. Cox

Constant Contact has changed the format for registering for events so it is a new learning curve for all of us.

Events – nothing to report at this time but events are being planned.

Clubs

Bridge Club – doing well

Book Club – interest has sparked so will be mentioned at the AGM

Lunch Club- good feedback from first event. No events are planned for Dec. or Jan. but will begin in Feb. with an event every 2-3 months.

Adjournment

Motion made by G. Quartaro

Seconded by D. Plested

Motion carried

Next Meeting

Tuesday Jan. 16, 9:30 pm – 11:30 am. Please note the change in time.