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# George Brown College Retirees' Association Meeting

Tuesday, April 18, 2023

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## **Call to order: Georgia Quartaro called the meeting to order**

**Present:** Georgia Quartaro, Bob Cox, Barb Dunlop, Joan Reynolds, Debbie Plested, Crystal Kotow-Sullivan, Julie Bulmash

Regrets: Dianne Diniz, Trish Robinson, Denise Pontone

## **Motion to approve the Agenda with the amendment to include Chair's report and update of bursary program**

Moved by D. Plested

Seconded by G. Quartaro

Carried

**Approval of the March 21 meeting** – deferred until May meeting

## **Reports**

**Chairs report** –College President's meeting moved to May 2 due to scheduling issues. GBCRA sent a proposed agenda that GBCRA would like followed, putting GBCRA report before the President's report.

## **Membership** – D. Plested

- There are four new annual memberships this month
- Currently there are 120 members and at this time last year there were 122 members
- The ongoing issue is that we still are having difficulty receiving the monthly list of new retirees from HR

## **Treasurer's Report** – J. Reynolds

Bank balance is \$14,570.00

Emily Bain has been contacted but she is on a secondment and Mona Mondaresi, the manager of the President's Office, will replace her for now. Mona has confirmed that receipt of the \$4000 grant from GBC can be scheduled annually for the end of April.

**Bursary** – no report

**Communications** – B. Cox

Comment by B. Cox – “people don't know that GBCRA has a website” J. Bulmash has done some passing on of this info by word of mouth

Instituting a “buddy system” matching a current member and a silent member or new member was discussed but a structure needs to set up.

Motion: to delve into the buddy system at the next Board meeting

Moved by D. Plested

Seconded by J. Bulmash

Carried

**Newsletter** – Bob Cox

The next newsletter is ready for publication and will include a survey re membership interests. The board agreed that any comments that are received concerning the newsletter will be sent to the appropriate Board member who will contact the individual member for discussion of the comment.

Discussion was held about being mindful of venues that we choose regarding accessibility, e.g. stairs to washroom, elevators, parking, TTC access etc.

G. Quartaro will look at the website and review bursary information such as silent auction fundraising to insure that it is up to date. This information should include Foundation policies, the expendable award fund, the endowment fund \$20,000 investment. It was discussed that there is not enough information made available to the members about the bursaries or the entire bursary process. The Board does not know who received bursaries this spring. G. Quartaro will follow up with A. Mackenzie-Thompson and the Awards office. B. Cox will also look at the website for general updates.

**Events** – J. Bulmash

April 26 – Soupepper Theatre – tickets are sold out, 12 registered and 11 have registered for lunch. Location TBD. (Perhaps Mill Street Brew Pub)

Daily Bread Food Bank – 17 attended. There were several comments re members being unable to attend but were interested in further opportunities to participate event. Overall a positive

event. One of the reasons for the success was that members worked in groups and got to know each other.

### **Clubs**

Book and Bridge Club – all is well. The next Book Club will be in person. G. Quartaro mentioned that going from online to in-person meetings or hybrid meetings have proven to be a challenge. G. Quartaro explained how to join the Book Club

### **Adjournment**

Motion to adjourn made by B. Dunlop

### **Next Meeting**

Tuesday May 16 11:30 – 1:30 pm