
George Brown Retirees' Association Meeting

August 24, 2021

Call to order

Meeting called to order by Dianne Diniz

Present: Anne Mackenzie -Thompson, Georgia Quartaro, Dianne Diniz, Barb Dunlop, Joan Reynolds, Bob Cox, Jennifer Cooke, Laura Lothian-Bryant, Jennifer Cooke

Regrets: Trish Robinson, Denise Pontone, Debbie Plested

Motion: That the Agenda be accepted

Moved by: Anne Mackenzie-Thompson

Seconded by: Georgia Quartaro

Carried Unanimously

Motion: Approval of the July Minutes as presented with amendments

Moved by: Laura Lothian-Bryant

Seconded by: Bob Cox

Carried Unanimously

Minutes to approve were for July and not June. Delete the comment about the College's plans for in-person and virtual learning.

Business Arising from the Minutes

Calls to Members:

Debbie and Bob to decide on the reason for a group of members to be selected to call and to send list to Barb and she will make the calls.

Silent Auction

The committee met and there is a current list of prizes listed in the minutes of the meeting. The goal for the silent auction is \$4000. The website for the auction will open on Sept. 1 and the closing date will be Oct. 31. Please have additional auction items in B. Cox to before Oct. 31. Anne Mackenzie-Thompson has written an article re the silent auction for the newsletter. Anne will follow up on the McGraw-Hill Ryerson donation. Two hundred dollars was submitted by the faculty union for a gift card. Donations from the support union and Chef's House are expected. Auction items will be continually added as they are submitted. The golf item will close by the end of September so it can be used this fall. L. Lothian-Bryant will contact Richmond station with regards to a gift card donation or purchasing a gift card with money that has been donated. B. Dunlop has donated 4 ski passes to Beaver Valley ski club with a value of \$320. The auction will be advertised throughout the college, our newsletter and Eventbrite. Delivery of the items will be arranged.

Fall events

A survey was sent out by B. Cox to assist in planning the fall events. 56 people answered the survey and over half of the respondents do not want in-person events. Presentations that were of interest to our members include Andy Warhol, Oct. 12 Canada Parks, Sept. 29, Margaret Thatcher, Nov. 18, Scattegories, Nov. 9, AGM and Jo Sorinchinsky presentation Nov. 30. Other suggestions included Christmas Light Tour by Heygo, London Christmas Light tour by Heygo, Christmas in Toronto tour by Heygo, Toronto tour by Heygo, Distillery tour by Heygo, The Nutcracker- a presentation. Heygo will give us basically private tours and B. Cox will investigate this.

Comments on the survey included an interest in live theatre, movies, interactive events online and wine and cheese events.

B. Cox contacted Luigi Ferrara about the seniors and COVID-19 project but there is no report as yet. B. Cox is working on the job description for the Design School student project. Instead of a bottle of wine being delivered to Sylvia a \$50 LCBO gift card will be mailed to her by D. Diniz.

AGM – this will be a virtual event on Nov. 30 with Jo Sorchinsky as the speaker. The information about this is in the newsletter. The information needs to go to the members by the end of October

Chairs' Report

D. Diniz and G. Quartaro need to know if the current directors are planning on remaining on the board next year as early fall is the time when new Board members are recruited. Please let the co-chairs know this ASAP if you are staying on the board and what position interests you. Recruitment will be discussed at the next meeting. Traditionally, a board member is recruited and then the new board member takes on a board position.

There was a fire on the 5th floor of St. James campus involving the HVAC system. The President's office has been moved to the Waterfront campus as the St. James Campus is closed. By Sept. 1 it is hoped that the main floor will be open.

38% of students will have in person classes in Sept. All employees and students must be double vaccinated to come on the college site.

The executive committee should plan to meet with the new president. The membership has expressed interest in meeting with the new president, perhaps at the AGM. There was also a small fire in the Hospitality building.

Membership Report – from D. Diniz

The gift for new retirees has changed and will now be a custom pin with a card which explains how to join GBCRA. They will also be available for all members to purchase. There are 2 new retirees but they have not yet responded to D. Plested.

Treasurer's Report - \$12,489 in account.

Communications Report

B. Cox is updating the website. The next newsletter will include a profile of a member written by J. Reynolds. B. Cox will send a reminder as to the member profiles that each board member has volunteered to submit including the outline of the profile. A. Mackenzie-Thompson will submit a write-up for the newest scholarship recipients for the newsletter.

Senior Association – no report and no contact

Clubs and Events

Bridge- no report

Book – The website has a list of all books to be reviewed and the dates.

Theatre – Several theatres have live streaming available. Stratford outdoor presentations are apparently well done.

Classical Music – on hold

Adjournment: motion made by B. Dunlop

Next meeting: Tuesday September 21, 12-2 pm

Submitted by Barb Dunlop

