

GBCRA Board of Directors Meeting Minutes Wed. Dec. 9 2020, 12 noon – 2 pm

Call to Order: Dianne Diniz

Present: Dianne Diniz, Georgia Quartaro, Debbie Plested, Trish Robinson, Bob Cox, Jennifer Cooke, Joan Reynolds, Laura Lothian Bryant, Barb Dunlop (recorder)

Regrets: Denise Pontone ??

Agenda

Moved by Trish Robinson to approve the agenda as presented

Seconded by Barb Dunlop

Carried

Minutes from the Nov. meeting

Moved by Debbie Plested to approved the minutes as distributed

Seconded by Trish Robinson

Carried

Business Arising from the Minutes

Business from AGM

The consensus was that all went well. Participants were unmuted to encourage participant interaction.

All congratulated Debbie Plested on her use of technology and keeping the meeting running smoothly.

Suggestion - when we start having meetings in person it would be an idea to have the meeting on

Zoom for our of town members

Members on line = 22

Proxies = 27

Rehearsals were helpful. Michael Cooke sent suggestions re ideas to market a membership increase. A marketing student may be able to help with membership increase. He also asked that Anne Sado contact him re a donation

Slate of Officers 2021

Co-Chairs – Dianne Diniz and Georgia Quartaro

Treasurer – Joan Reynolds

Membership – Debbie Plested

Communications – Bob Cox

Secretary-Barb Dunlop

Directors at Large – Laura Lothian-Bryant, Jennifer Cooke, Trish Robinson, Denise Pontone

Scholarship Convenor – Anne MacKenzie-Thompson

A director is needed to liaise with Seniors Association. Maybe Trish? The seniors association is of value as it offers many courses but there has been no activity since Feb. and the contacts are difficult to get hold of. We will wait until the college is open and they start up again.

A director is needed to help with the newsletter. Jennifer Cooke volunteered.

Members are needed to write for the newsletter

A Fundraising Director is need for scholarship fund. Silent auction will be done again. Georgia sent TU letters via email to outside contributors to the silent auction.

Student Placement

Joan followed up with the Faye and Cheryl (our 2 students) their project and faculty advisor and it appeared to be a successful endeavor. The student project was appreciated by the Board and the members. The Board decided that another project with students will be probably done next year with GBC, Trent University or Ryerson University nursing programs. Other programs that could be considered included Theatre Arts, Hospitality, Activation and Marketing. This could be in the form of a placement, an experience and /or a project.

Diane will reach out to nursing or activation re having another virtual placement in the 2021 winter semester to help a current or former GBC student. Being involved with student placements helps with our relevance to the college.

On Dec. 16 a Gershwin presentation will be available for our members via Zoom.

Bob and Debbie will set up a movie (Netflix) once a month and/ or games. This will be for the winter and the spring 2021.

Other suggestions for virtual meetings include a Murder Mystery, wine tasting, tea tasting, beer tasting, games (scattegories)

Reports

Chairs – discussed Zoom, AGM, donations sent to our 2 retirees Anne MacKenzie and Rob Sluser

Membership – There are 3 lifetime members. Membership must be paid by the end of September for the current year. Further discussion on Lifetime membership needed.

Treasurer- members who have not paid for the 2021 year will be invoiced in Jan. by Bob and Debbie.

Current account has approximately \$7000

Communication

- Newsletter will be out before Christmas

- A Seasons Greeting message was sent to all members
- The Jazz in Concert Hall 20 people registered so far
- 179 people visited the website in the last 30 days
- Procedure – Barb will send minutes to Bob for editing and he will post to website
- Idea – new branding for GBCRA will be studied next year with perhaps a Marketing student involved

Seniors Association

- This association is inactive due to covid-19 although contact has been but will be followed up Covid

Clubs

Bridge – all is well. Members are meeting throughout the holiday season. Laura is interested in getting all players able to set up the zoom account.

Book – nothing in December

Theatre – Disney Channel on TV is showing “Hamilton” and if you do not have the Disney channel it is available for a 30 day free trial. This will be included in the newsletter. It is a good idea to have the study package before seeing the play

Classical Music – Info will be included in the newsletter

New Business

Insurance – presently the Board is covered for officers and Board members for liability

Motion – Trish moved that we purchase online cyber risk insurance at a cost not to exceed \$200 annually

- Seconded Barb
- Carried

External Partnerships – discussion initiated by Bob Cox concerning OACAO org. ??

- **Voice of Older Adult Centres** is virtually a Seniors Centre without walls and this association has a job board, volunteer board and a resources board which primarily engages baby boomers. Perhaps this organization could be involved with our online auction. The membership fee is \$65 per person????
- **Ontario Colleges Retirees Association** OCRA. This organization advocates for benefits and pension for college retirees. The goal is to have retirees present at pension and benefit discussions. Bob suggested that we become involved but this is an individual membership. It will be advertised in the newsletter. It could be added to our annual fees.

Motion for Adjournment – moved by Trish to adjourn the meeting

Next meeting Wed. Jan. 13 12-2 pm

Respectfully submitted by Barbara Dunlop