
George Brown Retirees' Association Meeting

July 20, 2021

Call to order

Meeting called to order by Dianne Diniz

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

Regrets: Trish Robinson, Denise Pontone

Motion: That the Agenda be accepted as amended

Moved by: Debbie Plested

Seconded by: Joan Reynolds

Carried Unanimously

Feedback from the June 17 retirement event to be added

Motion: Approval of the May Minutes as presented

Moved by: Jennifer Cooke

Seconded by: Georgia Quataro

Carried Unanimously

Although the media indicates that colleges may have classes in person next fall, it is noted that because many lab classes are already in person, it was thought that since this decision was made in March of this year, it is unlikely that all classes will be in person and that most classes will remain online for the fall semester.

Business Arising from the Minutes

Calls to Members:

It was decided to inactivate members with no active email address.

Silent Auction

Anne will be setting up a meeting for this. Prizes to date include golf, skin care products, piano lessons, golf, bridge lessons, Amazon gift card. More prizes are needed. The date for the silent auction is set for early November. Ann announced that McGraw-Hill Ryerson is interested in sponsoring the silent auction and she will set up a meeting with them, Anne has been unable to connect with Cindy Gouveia re the silent auction due to internet issue at the college but will continue to try.

Proposed fall date for silent auction – will be discussed further Bob and Anne..

Fall Events

Bob will send out a survey re ideas for fall events with the next newsletter.

Project Luigi – Luigi Ferrera, GBC Dean, Centre for Arts, Design and Information Technology, has applied for a grant to have students research support for seniors post-covid. Bob will report at the next meeting.

Bob will deliver a bottle of wine Sylvia to thank her for all the work that she does for GBCRA.

Minutes process – new process appears to be working well.

Nursing placement – Joan informed the Nursing Dept. that we are unable to continue our involvement with nursing placements for now.

Survey for retirement event (35 attended) was sent out by Bob. The mean result was 4/5. All comments were positive so this event occur annually. The 40-minute event was recorded and a link will be put on the website and newsletter. Georgia's salute to Anne Sado will be included in the newsletter.

Chairs Report – as per Minutes

Membership Report – see New Business

Treasurer's Report - the GBCRA Duca account has a balance of \$12,411.00. The winner of the Soma free ticket draw has donated her win to the scholarship fund.

Journals - Money spent on journals for new retirees was \$525.00. A current list of new retirees will be requested from Kim by August 15 and a journal and pen will be sent to the new

retirees. This process will continue until Dec. 31 and then the process will be revisited for 2022. Debbie will do the mailing lists and Bob will have them mailed.

Secretary's report – no report

Communications report – newsletter is in process. The open rate for the newsletter has increased by 25% in the last 3 months. Bob has requested that someone work with him on the website.

Clubs and Events

Bridge - Laura will submit an article to go into the newsletter re looking for a coach/instructor for the bridge club

Book – Laura has coordinated a list for books to review for 2021-22 and this will be published in the newsletter. April 2022 will feature Jo Sorchinsky's book "Dancing with My Father" (Jo is a former Dean of Access and a Chair and Employment Counsellor GBC) reviewed at the book club meeting.

Theatre – information re Stratford theatre presentations will be included in newsletter. There will be 12 shows this year both indoors and out with a maximum of 100 people in attendance per show. No notice re Mirvish subscription series has been issued as yet.

New Business

Motion: made by Georgia, seconded by Debbie, carried unanimously

The membership year runs from January 1st to December 31st. When fees are required to maintain voting membership status, fees that are paid by September 30th will apply to the current year and will entitle the member to vote in that year's Annual General Meeting. Membership fees paid on or after October 1st will apply to the following calendar year and such members will be considered "unpaid members" in the current calendar year for AGM voting and other purposes.

The membership fee for new retirees will be waived for the year in which they retire. Anyone who retires on or after October 1st will have their membership fee waived for the following calendar year, although they will be considered a voting member at the Annual General Meeting.

AGM – Tuesday Nov. 30 - 12:00 noon online

Suggested speaker – Jo Sorchinsky – topic - how and why she wrote her book, her interest in writing, how to get published. Consider the sale of book at AGM at a special rate. This will be in addition to her presenting her book at the book club in April.

Email addresses – concern – Seneca and Centennial have retirees email addresses continued – why not GBC?

GBC retiree satisfaction – a suggestion that this be coordinated by Leslie

New President – to be sent a welcome card and invited to AGM virtually. Suggested that board should meet with new president

Adjournment: motion made by Barb

Next meeting: Tuesday August 24 12-2 pm or if this does not work, Thursday August 26

Submitted by Barb Dunlop