
George Brown Retirees' Association Meeting

Tuesday, Sept.21, 2021

Call to order

Meeting called to order by Dianne Diniz

Present: Anne Mackenzie -Thompson, Georgia Quartaro, Dianne Diniz, Trish Robinson, Barb Dunlop, Joan Reynolds, Bob Cox, Laura Lothian-Bryant, Debbie Plested

Regrets: Denise Pontone, Jennifer Cooke

Motion: That the Agenda be accepted

Moved by: Trish Robinson

Seconded by: Bob Cox

Carried Unanimously

Motion: Approval of the August Minutes as presented

Moved by: Trish Robinson

Seconded by: Bob Cox

Carried Unanimously

Business Arising from the Minutes

Silent Auction

Issues discussed re silent auction as how to get more people to the site. Ideas were to have better descriptions of the items from people who have donated the items, have board members send the site to friends, family and other organizations that we are acquainted with, send notice out as to how to get to website, make auction website easier to click onto from newsletter and website. Bob Cox will ask RTO to post silent auction website. GBC Foundation will advertise auction. Auction website will go in GBC newsletter. Dianne Diniz will contact support staff

re having a link put in the support staff newsletter. If there is a faculty newsletter Madeline (list her last name and position) will be asked to post a link. Our goal has been changed to \$1000.

Fall events

Dates and times for the presentations including Margaret Thatcher, Canada Parks and Andy Warhol have been confirmed as outlined in last month's minutes, and newsletter and registration links have been sent to members. Bob Cox contacted Heygo and it will be \$200 for a private tour or we could take one of the free tours. A private tour will allow us to ask questions to the tour director and to talk to each other. Heygo suggested Moscow, NYC and Amsterdam for a private tour.

Motion: To engage and spend \$200 for a private tour of Amsterdam in December.

Made by: Debbie Plested

Seconded by: Trish Robinson

Carried

Bob will talk to Heygo re time of day for the tour which would be best after 11:00 am for GBCRA members.

Luigi project – on hold

Job Description for Design student to redo our logo, website etc. ie Rebrand GBCRA.

Bob will send us the draft that he and his committee have drafted. Please respond if necessary for any changes to Bob. Student will apply for the position and present two proposals and the board will make the decision. Student will need to work with Constant Contact. Bob will clarify if this is a paid position with Design Dept.

AGM

This will be a virtual event on Nov. 30 with Jo Sorchinsky as the speaker. The new President will be asked to say a few words. (10-15 minutes) This information and reports need to go to the members by the end of October in the newsletter and separately.

Reports

Co-Chairs Report – included throughout the minutes. It was suggested that a formal meeting be held with new president in advance of AGM with Board executive committee, done via zoom.

Treasurer's Report

\$12,070 in account. \$170.85 spent on pins, \$142 spent on renewing Constant Contact agreement. After investigating the issue of having a GBCRA credit card it was decided we are not eligible for this.

Communications Report

The open rate for the last newsletter is 76% - again an increase. Our domain name is up for renewal at \$20 to Constant Contact and our website fee is up for renewal at approximately \$200. The scholarship recipient should be interviewed for the newsletter. A suggestion for recipes to be included in the newsletter. Barb will contact John Higgins.

Membership Report

New members this year – 20, lifetime members 19, paid members 116, newsletter members 275.

Brief discussion regarding fee structure but \$15 fee will be kept for next year. Members will be informed that Oct. is the last day to pay membership for 2020-2021 year. Anything paid after this date will be for the 2021- 2022 year and the member will not be eligible to vote at the Nov. AGM. Debbie will check that this is clearly stated in the by-laws. Debbie will outline categories clearly in annual report and list what members get for their membership fee. Debbie will send a list of delinquent members to all board members. If you know any of these people, contact them and if they are still interested in being a member have them contact Debbie.

Board members – It was suggested we get a new support staff member for the board. List of new members will be sent to board members to see if there is anyone who may be interested to be a support staff board member. It was suggested that we need succession and back up board members.

Secretary's Report-edited minutes should be on the website each month and monthly reports to be kept by secretary.

Clubs and Events

Bridge- no report

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

New Business

Holiday Activity

A suggestion was made that GBCRA adopt a family for the holiday season. Georgia will reach out to find information about doing this. An idea was made to contact the Director of the ECE program. (Patricia Chorney- Rubin)

Anne MacKenzie-Thompson met with the Foundation and the Foundation will let Anne know who has donated to GBCRA directly via the Foundation.

Next meeting
Tuesday, Oct. 19 12-2 pm

Adjournment: motion made by Barb

Submitted by Barb Dunlop