

Senior Scholars at Queens
Zoom Board Meeting
March 9, 2022

Present: Stephen Gilbert, Len Norman, Jane Howard, Gordon Haymond, Glenn Paton, Dave Collins, Ruth McDevitt Don Campbell, Bill Thomas, Sara Haymond, Jim Gronquist, Pm Nemecek, John Koch, Carol Kesmodel, John Ferguson, Carlos Glender, BG Metzler, Robert Koch, Jeanne Smith **Absent:** Ken Brown, Mitzi Czapala, Bob Metzler, Jeanne Smith **Committee Members:** Aimee Hite

The meeting was called to order by President, Steve Gilbert at 2:00 p.m. A **Motion** to approve the February 4, 2022 Minutes was made by Secretary Ruth McDevitt, seconded, and unanimously approved.

The first Hybrid meeting was reported by Jane Howard, Gordon Haymond and Len Norman to have gone very well. Len reported 60 in-person and 152 Zoom attendees.

Queens University Report: Queens Liaison Robert Koch reported that they are now at alert level one (green) on campus. Only unvaccinated people on Campus are required to wear masks outside and masks continue to be required indoors for all when not actively eating or drinking. Capacity for indoor events is set at 50%.

Young Dining Hall is open again for visitors.

There will be no campus Easter Egg Hunt. The Voctave A Cappella Ensemble will be presented on Wed., March 30 at 7:30 p.m., and the Charlotte Symphony will give a special program on music and healing on Sunday, April 3 at 3:30 p.m.

Treasurer's Report: Glenn Paton said that with no rent payments, we finished February in the black, but that will probably not be the case again until May. Our YTD balance stands at \$731.39. Our balance sheet is in good shape, and he has presented John Koch with an endorsement to Queens University for renting the Sports Facility on March 18.

Curriculum Committee: Len reported that there were no general members present at the committee meeting this afternoon, and they do not plan to meet again until May, unless something arises. They are in good shape with speakers, with some substitutions made in the spring schedule and only 7 positions left to fill in the fall.

Church Liaison: John Koch said the first Hybrid meeting went well, and this week's meeting at the church will have 200 seats. The meeting at Queens Sports Center on March 18 is all set and will have 150 seats. Aimee will add a link to the write-up about that meeting to show directions and a map to the Sports Center. She will also add a reminder that the meeting of 4/15 is Zoom only.

Wildacres: Jim Gronquist reported that there were only three of the original 40 rooms left, but Wildacres has given us another 10 rooms, when we will be at capacity. He hopes to have the Wildacres facilities' Covid rules by mid-month.

Membership and Directory: Pam Nemecek reported 792 paid members. New Member orientation will be held this Friday, from 9-9:45. She will not begin having a membership desk at the church until we begin allowing guests, but does bring membership cards to the meetings so anyone who has lost their card can get a new one on-site. Steve added that to prevent incurring charges for extra emails, members will receive two weekly emails, and non-members on our email list will receive one.

Website: Aimee Hite showed an impressive list of tasks they have completed. Some highlights are: the online directory is up and working; an icon links directly to an instruction page for Amazon Smile, and the only task is establishing a password-protected board member page so that board members can read past minutes.

AV and Tech: Gordon Haymond said they are testing tomorrow and will work on the irregularities with the clicker.

Social: Carol Kesmodel reported that there will be no coffee service until the mask policy is relaxed. She will also hold off on planning a Spring luncheon until we see where we are with the mask policy.

Lunch Bunch: BG Metzler and her committee have decided to wait until more people are going out more to start after-meeting lunches. They will tentatively plan on April 22 and May 20 as target dates.

Venue and Marketing: Jane Howard said she and Don Campbell met last week with representatives from Friendship Baptist Church to discuss their request for a group link to Zoom presentations of our meetings. She **Moved** that we offer organizations and retirement homes a group rate of \$100 per year, starting in September, with a trial period to start to make sure they can coordinate their equipment with our programs. The motion was passed unanimously. Jane also praised Don for getting us a free ad in a pamphlet for Seniors that has a circulation of 3.400.

Volunteer Program: Steve said the program was somewhat successful, and board members stated that their committees had received several volunteers for the program. It will be dropped from our weekly emails for now and begun again in the fall.

Next, Jim Gronquist introduced a motion regarding protocols for Covid to put in place at in-person meetings. After some discussion, it was decided that the motion contained principals we already have in place, so the motion was withdrawn.

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 3:18. Next meeting is April 13 at 2:00, via Zoom.

Respectfully submitted,
Ruth McDevitt, Secretary

