

**Senior Scholars at Queens
Board Meeting
April 13, 2022**

Present: Stephen Gilbert, Len Norman, Jane Howard, Gordon Haymond, Glenn Paton, Ruth McDevitt, Ken Brown, Jim Gronquist, Pam Nemecek, Carlos Glenger, BG Metzler, Bob Metzler
Committee Members: Aimee Hite, Sue Gill, Jin Wang, Alan Matthews
Absent: Dave Collins, Don Campbell, Bill Thomas, John Koch, Carol Kesmodel, Mitzi Czapla, John Ferguson, Robert Koch, Jeanne Smith

The meeting was called to order at 2:00 p.m. by President Steve Gilbert. A **Motion** was presented by Secretary Ruth McDevitt to approve the Marh 9, 2022 minutes and was seconded. The motion was unanimously approved.

Queens Report: Robert Koch was away on Spring Break, but Bob Metzler reminded us that the Queens cafeteria is now open again to all and encouraged lunch meetings there for Senior Scholars to socialize.

Treasurer's Report: Glenn Paton reported that, as expected, with a steady flow of new members and the resumption of payments to Wolfe Hall, we showed a net loss in March of a little over \$1,250. He has sent a complete report to board members by email. He said we have, according to his financial records, had 49 new members and 77 renewals since January, for a total of 126. We now have 10 Amazon Smile members, with the next payment on May 20.

Committee Reports:

Curriculum: Len noted that we have eight good speakers left this year. Even with the return to Wolfe Hall with hybrid meetings, Zoom attendance is up. The fall schedule has six openings, three of which are reserved for program managers and one being kept open for contingencies. There are still two program manager positions to be filled, Business and Government and Arts He encouraged that any suggestions to fill these positions be forwarded to Jane. The next committee meeting will be on May 11 at 1:15 p.m.

Venue and Marketing: Jane Howard reported that beginning on April 29, the need for Eventbrite tickets to attend weekly meetings at Wolfe Hall will be discontinued. Members and guests will be free to attend, and a membership and guest payment table will be open. The next marketing meeting will be held on April 21 by Zoom. The committee is enthusiastic and has done lots of work.

Wildacres: Jim Gronquist said there are 77 people currently registered for this year, and they still have five rooms available.

Membership and Directory: Pam reported 829 paid members currently.

Website and Email: Aimee Hite reported for Mitzi. A full report of the committee's activities for the month was emailed to all board members. The email updates now goes to those with Hotmail accounts, which was a problem in the past.

Audiovisual: Gordon stated that he, Jin and Alan have held tech checks for the Zoom speaker being both on the screen in the auditorium and broadcast via Zoom, and will hold another tech check on April 21 for the speaker on the 22nd. In the future they will do without the platform for the speaker to have better lighting on the speaker.

Lunch Bunch: BG said her committee has decided to put off any gatherings until fall.

Old Business:

Pam reported that she had six members attend the first new member orientation, but could not get Zoom to work on the computer she was using for the second, so that has been postponed until this Friday, at which seven members are expected to attend.

New Business: Glenn **Moved** that through the end of May 2022, Senior Scholars will require proof of vaccinations and wearing of masks for all in-person meetings, with the exception of while dining. We will assess the Covid risk over the summer and update our policy if necessary for September. The motion was seconded and unanimously approved. Steve clarified that committee chairmen were at liberty to set their own rules for their committee's events, apart from the above ruling.

Lastly, Steve said we need to identify and build a relationship with an outside organization that can respond to a member's beginner technical issues such as use of email and the SSQ website. Please bring any suggestions to Jane.

Len said Dr. Milaski will present virtually from Chapel Hill rather than in-person.

Ken mentioned that he thought the emails we send weekly to members are getting too long and people are not reading them. He suggested bullet points with reference to the website.

There being no other business, the meeting was adjourned at 2:54 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,
Ruth McDevitt, Secretary
