

**Senior Scholars at Queens
Board Meeting
May 11, 2022**

Present: Steve Gilbert, Len Norman, Jane Howard, Gordon Haymond, Glenn Paton, Dave Collins, Ruth McDevitt, Don Campbell, Bill Thomas, Jim Gronquist, Pam Nemecek, John Koch, Carol Kesmodel, BG Metzler, Bob Metzler, Robert Koch, Jeanne Smith **Absent:** Ken Brown, Sara Haymond, Mitzi Czapla, John Ferguson, Carlos Glender **Committee members and Guests:** Jim Renger, Aimee Hite, Jin Wang

President Steve Gilbert called the meeting to order at 2:00 p.m. Ruth McDevitt **moved** the approval of the April 13, 2022 minutes, which was seconded and voted unanimously.

Queens Liaison: Robert Koch reported that Queens has received \$2.5 million from Lowe's and \$2.5 million from Ally Financial to fund The Charlotte Talent Initiative. Over 500 students were recognized on campus with commencement on May 7. Queens also recently announced a transition from Division 2 to Division 1 in NCAA athletics and will join the ASUN conference.

Treasurer's Report: Dave Collins, Assistant Treasurer, reported that even though we had a small expected loss this month, we also had membership income of \$225. We are in an excellent financial position, with \$3,500 in our checking account, \$45,000 in savings and \$7,500 in our account to pay credit card charges. Wildacres income was \$19,042, with a profit of \$775.45, which will be added to their existing account, bringing that to \$3042.63.

Committee Reports:

Social Committee: Carol said because of Covid, this has been a quiet year. She hopes to return to morning coffee and a picnic in September.

Curriculum: Len reported there were 12 members at the committee meeting this afternoon. There are still vacancies in the program managers in the categories of Arts and Business and Finance. He hopes to have a replacement for Ken Brown in Great Decisions in 30 days. Bill Thomas will do Health and Carlos Glender continues to do Science. He sent out by email reports to all members of the board concerning the schedule for the last three lectures this session and the line-up for fall.

Venue and Marketing: Jane said the average attendance so far for this session for Wolf Hall has been disappointing. The average attendance for Zoom meetings was 175 and for in-person meetings was 63. She encouraged us to urge our friends to attend the Wolfe Hall live presentations for socialization. There were a large group of volunteers to monitor the in-person meetings, and they did a great job. In Marketing, she and Don are working on establishing an agreement for residential facilities and activities to show our presentations for a group of their members. Their committee is also compiling a list of activities and organizations to present our programs to.

Membership and Directory: Pam has updated the membership directory for May and we have 839 current members. She has received \$10 in guest fees this month.

Church Liaison: John Koch has obtained permission for us to use the grounds for a picnic in September. He recommends setting up the picnic tables rather than sitting on the grass.

Wildacres: Jeanne Smith reported the completion of another successful event, with a total attendance of 71. The use of two speakers was well received, and they plan to do that next year also. Jim Gronquist said they are looking into speakers for 2023 and have some good prospects. They are also considering an additional fall retreat in the future.

Website and Email: Aimee said an email had been sent out to board members listing their activities this month with website updates.

Lunch Bunch: BG reported that she will help Carol with the September Social luncheon and we will begin Lunch Bunch outings in October.

Nominations: Don reported the committee has met and will have a proposed slate to present at the September meeting.

Old Business: The Safety Protocol expires after the May meeting and will need to be updated. A special meeting will be held on August 31 at 1:30 p.m. to accomplish this. Starting time of 1:30 rather than 2 was discussed.

There being no new business, the meeting was adjourned at 2:34 p.m.

Next meetings: Wednesday, August 31 at 1:30 p.m. and Wednesday, Sept. 14 at 1:30 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,
Ruth McDevitt, Secretary

