

**Senior Scholars at Queens
Board Meeting
September 14, 2022**

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

President Steve Gilbert called the meeting to order at 2:04 p.m. Pam Nemecek **moved** the approval of the August 31, 2022 minutes, which was seconded and approved unanimously.

Queens Liaison: Robert Koch reported that Queens has now played their first games in Division 1 with wins for both women's volleyball and men's soccer. Their first D1 basketball game is Nov. 1. This year, Queens is not offering Senior Scholars free passes to athletic events. However, games are a reasonable price at \$4-\$6.

Treasurer's Report: Glenn Paton reported \$1102.13 net income through the end of August. Amazon Smile donation was \$12. We will not publicize again until the fall membership drive is completed.

Committee Reports:

Social and Moderators Committee: Carol Kesmodel reported that the donuts and coffee at the first meeting on September, 9 were well received. The committee will now provide coffee and tea at each meeting. She has booked Moderators for all the fall meetings.

Curriculum: Len Norman announced the newest Program Managers: Bill Thomas for Health and Ken Orenbach for Great Decisions Series. The committee is currently looking for recommendations for 2023 speakers. Dr. Chris Tacker, speaker planned for September 16 was unable to attend due to a broken elbow. Member, Pierce Howard, is filling in for him with short notice.

Venue and Marketing: Jane Howard reported that Venue staffing has been reduced to 5 for each meeting. She will ask the facilities sending buses to meetings to report on number of persons attending. The Marketing committee

received a referral for a group license and with pursue the activity director there. The next Marketing Committee meeting is September 20 at 1 pm.

Membership and Directory: Pam Nemecek reported that we currently have 885 members, including Speakers with gift memberships. This includes 25 new members in August and September to date.

2023 Membership plans include: renewing members will retain the same member number and receive a new card. The options for membership cards were presented: Postcard member cards mailed to members at projected \$642.95, including printing and postage OR regular size membership cards at a projected \$40.59. Upon renewal, members are sent a Thank You letter with the member number included. They exchange this letter for their new 2023 card upon attending an in-person meeting.

Pam moved that we accept the second option for cards and that we also offer the new members, joining August through September, a 2023 membership at no charge. This projected cost is \$625. Glenn seconded and the motion was approved.

Church Liaison: John Koch reported that the new screen for Wolfe Hall has arrived and will be installed soon. He also reminded that the Sharon Lane door will be locked during our meetings and that Scholars are asked to only park in the Providence Road parking lots. He will have 200 chairs set up for the September 16 meeting. He also reminded that the church is unavailable on April 7, 2023, Good Friday.

Wildacres: Jim Grohnquist reported that the Wildacres 2023 speakers will be Marjorie Spruill and Chris Brooks. In addition, klezmer music will be provided by two of our SSQ members.

Website and Email: Mitzi Czaplak acknowledged the excellent work done by Chris Pouler on the weekly emails. Aimee Hite has done extensive work on cleaning up the website and adding a new page for the Group Zoom License offering. Our first website down event required hiring a developer to fix the problem. A request for added Budget funding is being made to provide for an on-call developer to respond to any future issues.

Lunch Bunch: BG Metzler reported that the first event will be Oct. 21, 2022. More details to come.

Field Trips: BG Metzler and Carol Kesmodel will lead this committee. They are asking for recommendations for field trips. John Ferguson as offered to continue to help the team.

Nominations: Bill Thomas presented the nominations for the 2023 Board of Directors. For this first reading of the nominees, the Board voted to approve. A final vote will be taken at the October Board meeting.

There being no new business, the meeting was adjourned at ?????? p.m.

Next meeting: Wednesday, October 12, at 2:00 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Pam Nemecek, filling in for Ruth McDevitt