

**Senior Scholars at Queens
Board Meeting
October 12, 2022**

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

The meeting was called to order at 2:00 p.m. by President Steve Gilbert.

Treasurer's Report: Glenn said we are in good shape financially, with a cash position of just under \$50,000 at the end of September. He had 27 renewals in September and one new member. October will see a significant income increase with renewals. He urged board members to get their renewals in.

Secretary: Ruth asked for approval of the September 14, 2022 minutes, done in her absence by Pam Nemecek. Ken Brown **moved** and the motion was seconded and approved unanimously.

Curriculum Committee: Len reported the speaker list is done for this year. Ken Brown said the Great Decisions speakers will be done by the next meeting. He reminded that books can now be ordered online now, but will not be delivered until January or February of next year. Len said the discussion at the Curriculum Committee meeting on remote speakers was tabled because it was decided to give it one more try before deciding on continuing. Opinion seems to be in favor of not having the social meeting in Wolfe Hall when the speaker is remote, but only on Zoom, and trying to have all speakers be in person. Jane has done a great deal of work on next year's speakers. A list was mailed to all board members, as well as a report of the rest of this year's speakers in Ken's report.

Queens Liaison: Robert Koch said October is a very busy month at Queens. They are excited about their November 7 basketball game against Marshall University, where they are premiering the Royals Club, an organization to promote the team, which most Division I teams have.

Venue and Marketing: Jane reported one new group membership at Sharon Towers. There was a discussion of the better way of conducting surveys of speakers, paper vs. email. Pam's email surveys have gotten a good response, so it was decided to ask exiting Wolfe Hall members to give their emails for surveying. Don has been working on a joint meeting with Friendship Baptist

Curch. The board agreed to try a joint meeting featuring Dr. Edwards on the senior brain at the church, with both our members and the senior church members in attendance, then encouraging them to visit us at PUMC.

Membership: Pam reported a current membership of 900, total weekly emails sent to 867, total speaker members 30, total group Zoom licenses 1, and total included in the directory, 847. She has 92 renewals and new members so far for 2023.

Church Liaison: John Koch asked which speaker area was preferred and Gordon said the front platform was best for lighting.

Wildacres: Jim Gronquist reported good survey results on their speaker who spoke to the general membership last week, and said there will be two speakers for the first time this year. The dates will be available soon, and will be late April to early May. Music has been arranged for entertainment, and if Wildacres allows the rooms, Tennessee State members will be allowed to attend if they join Senior Scholars.

Webmaster and Email: Aimee sent out a sheet on updates. She reminded us to sent to her or Mitzi any changes in information we have on the website and in the emails. Aimee is taking on the task of Webmaster from Mitzi. We were reminded that Chris is stepping away from doing the emails, and we need a replacement. Pam suggested we include in our appeal for his replacement a definition of the skills needed. Steve appealed to the board to pinpoint people we know could do this job and recruit them personally.

A/V Tech Committee: Gordon reported that a new Atern was purchased to replace the old one which was causing flickering in the video. The cost was \$600. Gordon **moved** the expense be approved, it was seconded and passed unanimously.

Social & Moderators Committee: Carol reported all moderators are scheduled to the end of the year. She is working on a holiday luncheon. She has all coffee supplies until the end of the year. Steve reminded us that Carol is stepping back from Social Chair next year, will remain in charge of moderators, but needs a replacement for the Social chair.

Field Trips: BG and Carol reported that they will not do trips until next year because of the holidays. They are planning the first one for the Billy Graham Library, probably in January, if their renovations will be done. Len suggested a trip to the newly renovated Humane Society, from which we are having a speaker soon.

Nominating Committee: Because of Don's connection problem, Bill Thomas reported the following nominees: 1st VP, Jane Howard; 2nd VP, Jim Gronquist; At-Large Directors 2023-2025, Aimee Hite, Pam Nemecek, Dave Collins; At-Large Directors 2023-2024, Alan Matthews (filling final years for Jim Gronquist); At-Large Director 2023, Bill Thomas (filling final year of retiring John Ferguson).

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 3:03 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,
Ruth McDevitt, Secretary