

**Senior Scholars at Queens  
Board Meeting  
January 11, 2023**

**Present:** Len Norman, Jane Howard, Jim Gronquist, Gordon Haymond, Glenn Paton, David Collins, Ruth McDevitt, Stephen Gilbert, Don Campbell, BG Metzler, Bob Metzler, Robert Koch, Aimee Hite, Jeanne Smith, John Koch, Bill Thomas, Pam Nemecek, Carols Glender **Absent:** Sheri Knabel, Alan Matthews, Sara Haymond **Committee Members and Guests:** Eileen Griggs, Sue Gill, Jin Wang, Ollie Frazier Jim Renger

President Len Norman called the meeting to order and Secretary Ruth McDevitt **Moved** the minutes of November 9, 2022 be approved. The motion was seconded and approved.

**Queens Report:** Robert Koch said disposable cards for Senior Scholars who wish to partake of the cafeteria on campus now that it is reopened. He announced several campus events that might be of interest which are listed on their website.

**Committee Reports:**

**Treasurer's Report:** Glenn Paton reported 220 fewer membership payments for the fourth quarter of 2022 than we had in the comparable period in 2021. Ways to stimulate renewals were discussed and will be implemented. Even though we had budgeted for a break-even last year, we ended up with a \$580 profit. Our year-end cash position is strong at about \$56,000. This balance will decline as we start paying weekly rentals this year. The budget for this year was presented and discussed. It shows us losing income of \$5,660 in 2023 because of a decrease in membership and the greater number of in-person meetings increasing our rent expenses. The budget was approved unanimously.

**Curriculum Report:** Jane mailed a report to all board members showing a wide range of speakers, for the rest of this session, those that have been acquired for this session those already set for the fall session, the data on speakers and our goals for 2023.

**Marketing:** Jim Gronquist has taken this committee on as chairman. In addition to marketing our organization to new members, he was tasked to increasing renewal membership.

**Membership and Directory:** Pam reported that in 2022 we had 962 members, currently in 2023 we have 498. She needs volunteers for the membership table and is working on the 2023 directory, which will be ready by February.

**Church Liaison:** John Koch is going to move the membership table into the hall to prevent a bottleneck at the entry and will add extra tables for Wildacres, Lunch Bunch and the 50<sup>th</sup>

Anniversary volunteers. Arrangements are complete for the March meeting at the Queens Sports Center.

**Wildacres:** Jeanne reported that they are ready to launch information on the 13<sup>th</sup> and to start taking applications on the 20<sup>th</sup> of this month.

**Webmaster and Email:** Aimee reported that she and Mitzi have gone over every page to update information. They have also included the 50<sup>th</sup> Anniversary logo on the upper left. The website is 36 pages and has an improved look. Len is still working on an email person to take over from Steve, who is doing it temporarily. He asked us all to try to find a member who would take on this job.

**Lunch Bunch:** BG reported that the next lunch will be held at Red Rocks in Strawberry Hill on January 27<sup>th</sup>.

**Field Trips:** BG and Carol are planning a trip to the newly renovated Billy Graham Library in February, a trip with Tom Hanchett in April, and two trips in the fall.

**Nominating Committee:** Steve Gilbert said it's early in the year and they will be meeting soon to plan for next year.

**New Business:** Len proposed five motions to get our Policies and Procedures up to date and to get us ready for the year. They were:

1. **Motion** to dissolve the standing Moderators Committee and create a Moderators Coordinator position working with the 2<sup>nd</sup> VP to manage the meeting Q&A session and recruit and train volunteer moderators and to appoint Carol Kesmodel as the Moderator Coordinator. The **Motion** was seconded and unanimously approved.
2. **Motion** to modify Operating Procedures of Senior Scholars Procedure 1—Weekly Live Meetings (Meeting) subsection a. by adding the following item: 4) There will be no in-person attendance due to inclement weather. A meeting by Zoom may be held if feasible. Members will be notified by email of any change to meetings. The **Motion** was seconded and unanimously approved.
3. **Motion** to create a 50<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Committee to plan and arrange activities during the 2023 celebrating of Senior Scholars half-century milestone and expiration date of December 31, 2023 and appoint Eileen Griggs as Chair. The **Motion** was seconded and unanimously approved.
4. **Motion** to create a Site Committee to recommend a course of action regarding the extension June 30, 2023 decision date in the Facility Use Agreement between Senior Scholars and Providence United Methodist Church with expiration date of December 31 and appoint Jim Gronquist as Chair. **Motion** was seconded and approved.

5. **Motion** to drive increased Renewals and New Members: Change Zoom registration to require current year membership or Guest Donation of \$6 via PayPal. Charge in-person meeting to require as follows: Cash donation \$5 or PayPal donation of \$6. Discontinue free access to Zoom and in-person meetings. Recommend implementing for 2/3/23 meeting. The **Motion** was seconded and unanimously approved.

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Len reminded the board members attending the meetings in-person to gather at the right of the coffee table to greet members. It was also decided to publish the renewal notice until the end of January, then cut off access to emails unless a valid member.

Respectfully submitted, Ruth McDevitt, Secretary