

**Senior Scholars at Queens
Board Meeting
April 12, 2023**

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

The meeting was called to order at 2:00 p.m. President Len Norman announced that last week the Executive Committee approved a motion that will be voted upon by the entire board later in this meeting. Ruth **Moved** the approval of the March 8 minutes, it was seconded and approved unanimously.

Treasurer's Report: Dave reported a loss of 1,427.26 in March because we had five meetings in March. We will do better in April because only three meetings are scheduled. Our coffers are overflowing at the moment, but that will change by the end of the month when payments will be made for the Spring Luncheon and Wildacres. We have put \$40,000 into two CD's of eight months and four months to gain more interest in our funds than we now receive.

Social: Len reported for the 50th Anniversary Committee that they have 82 reservations to date, and have a few seats left.

Marketing: Don Campbell's report was similar to last month, with us now having a contact through Patty Kahle with AARP, are now on many community electronic event boards due to Jin Wang, an article in Axios thanks to Nancy Stancill, as well as a long article in the Charlotte Ledger, are now a sponsor of the Mecklenburg Senior Games and have a flyer that went out to all participants in that organization, thanks to Carlos Glender. Don and BG Metzler will soon meet with the Shepard Center to involve them. Aimee and Alan have done a great job on flyers that will be available on Friday and the committee is thinking about a flyer to go out to 10,000 seniors who meet certain criteria and will cost about \$3,000.

Curriculum: Jane sent the latest list out to all board members. The Spring speaker slots are all filled, Ken Orenbach has obtained a speaker for

Great Decisions on Oct. 20, and Tom Hanchett has invited some Senior Scholars to join a committee to help him with a program on affordable housing in Charlotte, which can be a program for us in the future.

Membership and Directory: Pam reported that as of April 4, we had six new members and one renewal, totaling 723 members so far this year. We still have 341 people from the past who have not responded. She will hold a new members orientation this Friday in person and on Zoom.

Website: Mitzi reported Aimee has completed a large number of web items, and visits to the website are high.

Wildacres: Jim Gronquist reported that they have 70 reservations, have had 10 cancellations and need about mid-seventies to break even. They have 80 spaces lined up. Jim will encourage people to sign up on Friday.

Tech. and AV: Gordon has been notified that the projector at Wolfe Hall will not be available for the next six weeks, so they are using cables plus boosters to make up for that.

Lunch Bunch: BG said the last Lunch Bunch this season will be at Rooster's in South Park in their atrium, which has lots of quiet room, on April 28. She reminded us of the Spring Luncheon at Carmel Country Club on May 31 to celebrate our 50th Anniversary.

Field Trips: Carol Kesmodel said the trip to the Billy Graham Library was very successful. Wednesday morning, four weeks from today, they are having a walking tour with Tom Hanchett from 10:15 to 11:45, followed by lunch for those who want to lunch at Sabor Latin Street Grill. The tour is limited to 20 people. She will have a table at Friday's meeting to sign up.

PUMC Liaison: John Koch will have table space for Carol at Friday's meeting

Site Committee: Jim Gronquist sent out a sheet to board members showing all sites considered with pros and cons of each. Most were too expensive, did not have adequate facilities, etc. Two were chosen to talk to—Unitarian Universalist Community Charlotte (UUCC) and PUMC, our present site. Since the UUCC site had several drawbacks, Jim **Moved** we form a committee (himself, Len, Steve, Glenn, and Pam) to meet with the

trustees of PUMC to let them know we are interested in another two-year contract with a possible one-year extension with a flexible payment plan depending on the number of chairs needed. The maximum weekly fee we can pay is \$400. The motion was seconded and approved unanimously.

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 2:55. The next meeting will be May 10.

Respectfully submitted,
Ruth McDevitt, Secretary