

**Senior Scholars@ Queens
Board Meeting
October 11, 2023**

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

The meeting was called to order at 2:01 p.m. by President Len Norman. After a quorum was present, the minutes of the September 13, 2023 meeting were approved.

Queens University Report: Robert Koch reminded us that there has been a major overhaul of the QueensUniversity.edu website has taken place, including the section on Senior Scholars, and urged us to take a look at the new format. He also stated that auditing classes would be decided case-by-case by the Provost, and we should contact that office to apply to audit. He also mentioned a lecture coming up that we might be interested in—see website. Lastly, he said the university’s basketball season will kick off on November 14 with both a women’s and men’s game.

Committee Reports:

Finance: Glenn reported that September was a very successful month with successful weekly meetings and strong membership sign-ups and renewals. We had 98 renewals and five new members in Sept. totaling 103. He explained our income and balance as well as a **Motion** proposing an accounting change for the months of September-December this year over a 15 month period to balance the increased income for those months with lower income in the calendar year. The motion was seconded and approved.

Website and Emails: Aimee continues to update the website, including changing the October 27 .speaker information. Mitzi has updated the speaker archives as needed,

Curriculum: Ken Orenbach has obtained Cheryl Brown as a Great Decisions speaker on April 19. Jane has substituted Dave Collins, speaking on Shakespeare, to substitute for the speaker who cancelled on October 27. The rest of 2023 is filled. Steve Lauer said there are still a few openings in the spring session, and he welcomes any suggestions for speakers.

Social Committee: Len reported that the coffees are going well. Information will soon be coming on the Holiday Luncheon to be held on December 19 at Carmel Country Club.

Marketing: Jane reported for Chairman Don Campbell that the committee has been quiet since the mass mailing was sent out. She urged us all to attend the session next week at Friendship Missionary Baptist Church to hear Dr. Soden speak. The committee is looking for other organizations to piggy-back with, including other retirement organizations and alumni associations. They have also made contact with some newsletters for publicity, including Stroll.

Membership and Directory: Pam reports a current total of 899 members. She needs information on committee chairmen who have changes so that she can direct potential volunteers to the correct person. She sent out an email detailing new member source data, showing that our total membership has not varied much over the past few years, just attendance at meetings, as many chose to watch the meetings on Zoom. The directory has been updated for October.

Wildacres: Jim Gronquist reported Anita Earls as a speaker on the redistricting of voting. He welcomes suggestions for musicians. The dates of our event will be available in November.

Technical and AV: Gordon said the committee has decided to do away with the platform and use the stage for speakers to get better lighting for the Zoom camera. They are hoping a new volunteer will be able to help them in the future.

Lunch Bunch and Field Trips: Carol reported that both the recent field trip and luncheon were very successful. The next Lunch Bunch will meet at Phillips, a new restaurant in Phillips Plase.

PUMC Liaison: John Koch said we are on the Queens schedule to meet there on November 9, but the cost he was quoted was \$1400. Last year we were charged \$500. Len will speak to Robert Koch to see how we can get a reduced price.

Nominating: Steve Gilbert presented the proposed list of board members for 2024. He explained that Sara Haymond and Bill Thomas were dropping off the board after many productive years working for us. Gordan and Mitzi plan to step down after this year. No replacements have been found to date. Mitzi helps Glenn and Dave with the budget regarding the expenses for technical materials and she puts speaker presentations into our archives. Ollie and Jin Wang will take over these responsibilities and Kristan Smith will back-up the email committee. Ollie Fraiser, John Koch and Kristan Smith will be the new directors. Steve gave this committee report now, and the board will vote on the slate in November.

There being no old or new business, the meeting was adjourned at 2:56 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,
Ruth McDevitt, Secretary