

**Senior Scholars at Queens
Board Meeting
November 8, 2023**

Present: Len Norman, Jane Howard, Steve Lauer, Gordon Haymond, Glenn Paton, Dave Collins, Ruth McDevitt, Steve Gilbert, Don Campbell, BG Meltzer, Robert Koch, Alan Matthews, Aimee Hite, Jeanne Smith, John Koch, Bill Thomas, Jim Gronquist **Absent:** Sheri Knaebel, Sara Haymond, Carlos Glender **Committee Members and Guests:** Sue Gill, Jim Renger, Bill Griesmyer, Ken Orenbach, Kathy Gray, Tom Gray

President Len Norman called the meeting to order at 2:00 p.m. He announced the Executive Board's decision to spend \$150 on party favors for the Holiday Luncheon and \$400 for an for volunteers at the Membership table.

Minutes of the October 11, 2023 Board meeting were approved.

Committee Reports:

Queens University: Robert Koch reported a movie, "The Other Zoe", was filmed on the Queens campus a few years ago, and will be previewed on campus and available on streaming services. Maria Yovanovitch, former ambassador to the Ukraine, will speak on campus soon, the basketball season has kicked off, and all events can be seen on their website. He will give Len the information on auditing classes at Queens to be posted on our website.

Finance: Glenn said October was another busy month with four meetings and receiving \$5,825 in dues, \$300 more than last year at this time. Our balance sheet looks good. There is work to do yet on the budget for 2024, but at this time he believes our break-even point is a little under 850 members.

Website and Email: Aimee said all updates on the website have been done, but she asked committee chairmen to look at their committee's description and committee members and let her know of any changes that need to be made. Bill Griesmeyer said Kristin Smith is helping out with the emails now.

Curriculum: Steve Lauer said he and his committee have all but 3 speakers for the spring session next year. He welcomes suggestions for speakers. Jane praised Steve and his committee for their diligent efforts to get so many good speakers on a variety of subjects.

Social: Len said the coffee and snacks is going very well. The Holiday Luncheon on Dec. 19 has more than 70 sign-ups so far. The capacity is a little over 100.

Marketing: Don reported that two people are being invited to the Holiday Luncheon, Alicia Selick of the Shepard Center and Rev. Tyson of Freedom Mission Baptist Church. The Marketing Committee will publicize Wildacres.

Membership and Directory: Pam reported so far in the month of November we have four new members and 35 renewals, as well as 31 pending renewals waiting for checks to arrive. Current totals are: 2023 Members-560; 2024 Members so far-366; with a total of 926. There are 319 2022 Members who have not renewed and will be archived as of February. All unclaimed name tags will be mailed out after the Nov. 17 meeting.

Wildacres: Jeanne gave the dates of this year's event as April 22-25, unfortunately, the same dates as Passover. This will eliminate some of our members who would attend as well as one of our speakers. Publicity will start in January. Jim said Supreme Court Justice Anita Earls will be the principal speaker, and Dr Chelsea Hoffman, who is our speaker at our first 2024 meeting, will also be on the program.

Technical and AV: Gordon said things are going very well, but they are looking for another volunteer. Alan has prepared a short video describing the jobs on the committee that will be shown at the next meeting and posted on the website and emails.

Lunch Bunch and Field Trips: Carol said 30 people are signed up for the luncheon at Phillips Grill this Friday. They will be seated at small tables for easier conversation. Mitzi will help with Lunch Bunch, and BG will resume helping. Carol plans field trips to the Catawba Center, one of the museums, and an old cemetery for the 2024 session.

PUMC Liaison: John Koch is talking with Temple Beth El to hold meetings there when the church cannot accommodate us. He soon will have a price and is hopeful we will not have to have a Zoom only meeting.

Nominating: Steve Gilbert presented the 2024 slate, explaining that irreplaceable Gordon's position as Technical VP is still open, Kathy Gray will be the new 2nd VP, Ken Orenbach is a new non-voting Director, Ollie Frasier, John Koch and Kristin Smith are new Directors at Large. Ollie will help with the archives and Jin Wang will assist Alan with the budget. The slate will be presented for a vote at the Annual Meeting on Nov. 17. A **Motion** was made, seconded and approved unanimously to accept the slate.

New Business: Jane expressed grateful thanks to all those who are continuing on the board and thanked those who have served and are leaving.

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 2:50 p.m.
Respectfully submitted, Ruth McDevitt, Secretary