

**Senior Scholars
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April 10, 2024**

Present: Jane Howard, Steve Lauer, Tom Gray, Gordon Haymond, Jack Gill, Glenn Paton, Dave Collins, Ruth McDevitt, Len Norman, Steve Gilbert, Carlos Glender, Aimee Hite, Pam Nemeck, John Koch, Kristan Smith, Don Campbell, Gordon Haymond, Jin Wang Patti Kahle, Ken Orenbach, BG Metzler, Jim Gronquist, Bill Gristmeyer, Alan Matthews

President Jane Howard called the meeting to order at 2:p.m. Ruth McDevitt moved the minutes of March 13, 2024 be approved, the motion was seconded and approved unanimously.

Queens Report: Jane said that Robert Koch has left his position at Queens, and his replacement will be introduced at the next board meeting.

Nominating Committee: Len Norman read the resume of the candidate for the open position of Technical Vice President and moved his appointment to the position. The motion was seconded and unanimously approved. The committee is still searching for a 2nd VP. Len will talk about the position at the next meeting, appealing to the attendees. As an aside, Kristan mentioned that the picture on the website for volunteers should be replaced with a photo with all the volunteers. A photo will be taken on Friday and forwarded to Aimee.

Finance: Glenn stated that we are ahead in dues income for the month of March by \$175. Our YTD losses stand at \$1115.44. At the same time the YTD stands at \$1,15.44 thanks to This is because we had five e meetings, two at a somewhat higher fee of \$350. He and Dave have been carefully monitoring the checking account, which currently stands at just under \$26,700with the receipt of n (soon to be departed) Wildacres receipts. With bills for our annual Zoom fee, l insurance and upcoming rent payments, we will possibly have to withdraw a small amount from the CD coming due for renewal in May.

Website and Email: Aimee has updated the website.

Curriculum: Steve reported that the speaker for April 19 has cancelled, so he was able to get Tom Hanchett as a replacement. On May 10, Judge Lutig wi2ll speak for 20-25 minutes, welcoming questions during his tlk, then he and Steve will have a dialog on the Supreme Court, where they were both interns in the past.

Marketing: Patti Kahle gave kudos to Carlos for his piece on WTBI Carolina Impact. He was able to mention Senior Scholars, and a link to his part will be added to the email. The Spring Luncheon will be on April 26 at Carmel Country Club. The cost will be \$40 and features a nice meal. Olympic Games is the theme and 375 flyers will be distributed at tthe Olympic Games. Reservations will be started taking on April 19. The marketing committee will take over the donut table to welcome new members and encourage meeting members. She moved a Fall Expo for a date to be named, featuring vendors specific to seniors, and the motion was seconded and approved. Don mentioned that there will be a CATS representative to give out flyers and explain transportation options specifically for seniors on April 26. The Marketing Committee currently does not have a budget, so Patti will propose one to the Executive Committee and Board before May.

Membership and Directory: Pam reported our current membership at 813. the Directory is current for April on the website. She has emailed the revised Board of Directors directory. and the Board of Directors handbook will be ready next month. To get a better idea of how many people will be watching with them when members sign up for Zoom, she has asked Steve

Gilbert and Ben Eubanks to add to the Zoom sign-up form the question “how many people will be watching with you?” New Member’s Orientation will be held April 12 and none in May.

Wildacres: Ken reported that they currently have 72 members signed up to attend. There are still spots available, and he said they usually have some drop-outs, so he encourages signing up.

Technical: Gordon welcomed Jack to the committee, and suggested that we go all Zoom on Good Friday in the future because of the difficulties of presenting both a Zoom broadcast and a Zoom speaker a remote location.

Lunch Bunch and Field Trips: BG said they have 18 signed up for the tour through the historic cemetery, which is the last trip of the spring session. Lunch Bunch has its last lunch at Leo’s Italian Social with 22 signed up. Over the summer, they will try to come up with a solution to people not canceling or just coming without a reservation.

PUNC Liaison: John said all is well at the church, and he will coordinate table arrangements.

Old Business: Steve Lauer said much effort has been put into limiting the Archive of Speakers to the membership and thinks it will be possible. Some discussion followed on limiting the time each speaker is left on the site to three weeks to limit our exposure to bots as well as not continuing the archives altogether, which would prevent members who cannot attend on a date when they want to hear the speaker without the ability to do so. He will present a proposal soon. There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 3:10.

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Ruth McDevitt, Secretary,