

Senior College at Belfast
Board of Trustees Meeting Minutes
August 17, 2022

Call to Order: Beth Sterner, Treasurer, called the meeting to order at 9:46. The meeting was held at Ms Sterner's home.

Present: Beth Sterner, Rebecca Jessup, Jim Owen, Doug Chamberlin, Deirdre Good, Ron Jarvella, Brian Richardson, Marjorie Arnett, Mayo Bulloch

Absent: Nancy Perkins, Martha Laitin, John McClenahan.

Approval of Previous Minutes: Corrections to the minutes: Those absent were Mayo Bulloch and Deirdre Wood. The figure of \$400 in the Treasurer's report should be \$4000. Jim Owen has no "s" at the end of his name.

With those corrections made, the minutes were unanimously approved.

Treasurer's Report

The report was circulated to all members before the meeting. Statements have not yet been received from the foundation. The report was accepted unanimously.

Old Business

- Website management update: Doug C. Thierry is working on the website. There is a lot of noise that Doug needs to clean up behind the scenes. All fall courses are up on Course Storm, and Doug needs to do a final check before on-line registration opens up. Thierry is finalizing the Post Card and it will be sent to the printer later today.
- Elisabeth Pollock will be in the office again on Thursdays, starting next week.
- We have two sandwich boards ready to be set out in front of the Hutch.

Committee Reports

- Curriculum Committee: Marjorie Arnett
Karen Gleason is doing a good job as the new chair.
- There was discussion about whether masks would be required in the last meeting, and the board voted to always require masks in the building. Karen and Nancy asked, once we are in the classroom, could we remove masks if everyone in the class agrees. There was general discussion of this.
Brian Richardson moved that we not require the presenter/instructor to wear a mask. After comments, this was modified to
Senior College policy is that all wear masks indoors. This can be changed with a class by the instructor and students, only if it receives unanimous consent.
This motion passed unanimously. This will enable Marjorie to teach her play writing class in the fall. Karen Gleason can communicate this to the instructors.
- Brian Richardson reported that Stuart Kastenbaum, Maine's most recent Poet Laureate, is set to do a one-day class in poetry, and Sol Goldman, a lawyer and dynamic professor of constitutional law, with expertise in the Supreme Court, could teach a one-day Zoom class on SCOTUS. Brian thinks it would be important to offer him an honorarium. There was some discussion. By a straw poll, there was consensus that it would be OK to offer Mr Goldman an honorarium. The Board recommended that Brian take his recommendation to have Mr. Goldman lead a class to the Curriculum Committee.

- Jim brought the catalogue for the OSHER USM classes.
Doug said that there is no mechanism for how to list hybrid classes, how to have people sign up and choose whether to attend via OWL or in person. It could be listed as two classes, one on zoom and the other in person.
David Greeley's class in making cider (bring your own apples) will be one day. There was discussion of how to price it. There was a motion that this course be offered for \$20. This was modified to offering it for \$15. This carried unanimously.
Jim also reported that Pete Reilly has decided against being a non-board member of the Nominating Committee.
- Special Event: Martha Laitin was absent. Special Events were tabled.
- The Annual Meeting will be held in the Auditorium.
- Marjorie suggested that great photos of Belfast be sent to Doug for use on the website.

New Business

- Belfast Poetry Festival -- Marjorie Arnett
Marjorie met with Judy Kaber, Belfast's Poet Laureate. Her committee on the Festival denied our request to co-sponsor the festival. Marjorie came back with the idea that we could sponsor poetry readings around town. Marjorie will move ahead with looking into logistics.
- Marjorie talked to Left Bank Books (LBB) about the idea of awarding gift certificates to instructors, but wasn't able to reach Kim at Bella Books. Tiffany at Left Bank said they can't take on any additional administrative tasks, but would like to cooperate. After discussion, this was tabled for future discussion.
- Doug appealed for someone to join him on the Archive Committee, of which he is the only member. This entails what to archive, going through what has been collected, cataloguing it. Archives are our records, our history.
- Jim wanted to add to the agenda for the Annual Meeting a presentation of what the Committees are and what volunteers the various chairs need. Doug will create a zoom presentation on this.

The meeting was adjourned at 10:55 AM.

Respectfully submitted,

Rebecca Jessup
Secretary