

Senior College at Belfast, Board of Directors Meeting, April 13, 2016
Second Draft
Belfast Senior College
Board of Trustees
Meeting of June 8, 2016
Approved minutes

The meeting was called to order by the President at 09:00 am.

Absent: Pollock and Cirillo.

Election of Board member: Sue Garrett was unanimously approved to fill the term of Joe Veilleux who has resigned from the Board due to health reasons.

Minutes of the previous meeting: The minutes of May 11, 2016, were unanimously approved.

Treasurer's Report: The previously emailed reports were discussed and accepted. There was a question regarding an expenditure of \$1900 in both 2015 and 2016—is this a total of \$3800 or a data entry error? The treasurer will investigate.

Curriculum Committee: Chair Romanow reported **that the Hutchinson will provide space and assist with publicity for a program on Free Trade, conducted by the Margaret Chase Smith Foundation.** A final decision on site selection by the Foundation is pending.

Arts Festival: all plans are on track.

Old Business

BSC Budget proposal: The treasurer presented a proposed budget for the 2016-17 year.

First amendment to the motion to approve: Eliminate the expenditure for lunch at the Annual Meeting at a savings of \$1375.

The motion was unanimously approved.

Second amendment to the motion to approve: Eliminate the expenses related to the purchase of text books. Five voted for and eight voted against.

The motion was not approved.

Third amendment to the motion to approve: Restore the expense of \$1000 for scholarships. Ten approved, two voted against and one abstained.

The motion was approved.

There was a question in re the monthly expense of \$500 per month for accounting fees which is contrary to the understood \$180 per month when the decision was made to go with Nickerson accounting. The treasurer explained that this was merely a budgeted amount and is not expected to be a reality. He will closely monitor the expense.

The proposed budget, as amended, was unanimously approved “with deep appreciation for the diligent work of the treasurer.”

Handbook revision: discussion was rescheduled for the August meeting due to time constraints and the absence of Elisabeth Pollack.

Communication Policy: A motion to change the Handbook Communications Policy was made as follows:

After the words "...is not directly involved with..." add the following: "(see following paragraph)"; and

Add new paragraph: "A BSC committee or group merely urging (by mentioning or advertising) the BSC membership at large to support a non-profit, or to attend a community event does no count as "direct involvement" by the committee or group. To count as "direct involvement," the committee or group members themselves must have committed to participate in some specific event (for a non-profit organization or in a community event). Given they have done this, if they also wish to invite members of the BSC community at large to participate in that specific event, then that is permissible."

Twelve voted for the motion and one voted against. The motion was approved.

New Business

Robert's Rules of Order: a motion was made to adopt the use of Robert's Rules of Order to govern conduct of Board meetings. The motion was tabled to a future meeting.

Rides to BSC: Discussion in re advertising the use of WCAP resulted In no decision being reached.

The meeting was adjourned at 11:10. The next meeting will be on August 10th at 9:00 AM

Submitted:

Harry Kaiserian, Secretary