

Senior College at Belfast Board of Trustees October 11, 2017, Approved Meeting Minutes

Call to order: Larson called the October 11, 2017, meeting to order at 9:00 a.m.

Absent: Jessup, Topping

Approval of minutes: The minutes of the September 13, 2017, meeting, the 17th Annual Meeting, and the special board meeting to elect the officers for 2017-2018, were approved.

Treasurer's report: Taber noted that we've begun the year well in the black, and the report was accepted.

Other Reports

President: Larson reported he's happy to begin his second year as President, noted that six people from Belfast would attend the Schoodic Symposium of Downeast and Coastal Maine Senior Colleges on October 24, and remarked on the possible benefit to us of the Maine Association of Nonprofits resources.

Curriculum Committee: Nation reported on the building of the "winterim" schedule: four courses approved, five proposals to be considered at our next meeting, and three proposal in the works. A request for proposals will be made in the next E-newsletter.

Special Events Committee: The upcoming trip to the Islamic Center in Orono has 30 registrants. The committee would welcome suggestions for possible day trips during our winter session.

Finance Committee: No report.

Community Service Committee: No report and still no chair. Larson will continue efforts to revive interest in the committee, at least through to the spring, before consideration of disbanding it.

Archives Committee: No report.

Publicity Committee: No report.

Festival of Arts: No report.

Fundraising Committee: No report, although Pollock said they have the address labels ready for mailing.

Nominating Committee: Jim Taber volunteered to chair the committee for the coming year.

Registrar: Final registration for the fall term is 381 members totaling 493 enrollments.

Miscellany: Discussion of the problem of lack of volunteers led to a motion to appoint an ad hoc subcommittee to devise a plan of recruitment. Larson, Nation, and Bradbury volunteered.

Unfinished Business

Annual meeting review: Although we had a positive year reported, low attendance (about 50) prompted an inconclusive discussion of what could possibly be done to reverse this trend.

Reconciling board term schedules: As we have eight (8) positions on the board to fill next year a motion to appoint an ad hoc subcommittee to reconcile an even staggering of terms was approved. Larson, Taber, and Boyer volunteered.

Refreshments: Difficulties in organizing delivery, setup, and cleanup prompted questions of whether to appoint a food committee or to abandon the provision of snacks (keeping the coffee/tea). An ad hoc subcommittee to review this situation and make recommendations for the future passed, but there were no volunteers. An advertisement will be posted on the E-newsletter.

New Business

Handbook updates: These will be reviewed at a future meeting.

The meeting was adjourned at 10:22 a.m., and the annual photograph of the board was taken by Sara Shute.

The next board meeting is November 8, 2017.

David Boyer, Secretary