

# Senior College at Belfast Board Meeting Agenda

Wed, Feb 10, 2016 at 9:00 am

1. Approval of Minutes of Jan 20, 2015 board meeting (5)
2. Treasurer's Report and Finance Cmte Report on suggestions for duties and responsibilities of the committee and other business covered in their first meeting (30)
3. Committee Reports (5)

**Archives – Shirley Jarvella** – *nothing new to report*

**Special Events – David Ruberti** – The Gilbert & Sullivan trip scheduled for February has been cancelled due to insufficient registration.

**Curriculum – Sharon Romanow** (5)

**Community Services – Marje Stickler & Wendy Kasten** – The CSC has organized 32 SC volunteers to read to Waldo County Elementary Schools between March 1-9, 2016. We will read at Searsport, Lincolnville, Drinkwater, Nickerson, Monroe, Morse, East Belfast, and Captain Albert Stevens.

## **4. Old Business**

- A. Registrar position report (5) – Arlin
- B. Membership (30) – Report by Jon Cheston on activities of ad hoc membership cmte (see attached report). Discussion of Cathy Bradbury's suggestions for a standing Membership Cmte (see attached report). Consider whether to have an ad hoc Membership Committee, which could become a standing cmte.
- C. Ad hoc Communications Cmte (30) – Sara Shute. Discussion and vote on Motion regarding policy for advertising/announcements (see Appendix I).
- D. Community Services Committee (5) – Vote to form an ad hoc committee to develop/revise their policy.

## **Appendix I**

**MOTION.** Adopt the following policy regarding the E-news and classroom announcements:

***Policy for advertising/announcements.*** *The purpose of SC advertising or announcements, including but not limited to the website, E-news, or classroom announcements, is to promote Senior College, and to inform the membership and the community of courses, special events, speakers, or projects that Senior College is directly involved\* with. Volunteer opportunities and other community events that Senior College (including the Community Service Committee) is not directly involved with are beyond the scope and purpose of website, E-news, and classroom announcements, or any other advertisements, and are not permitted.*

\*[Note that this footnote is not meant for inclusion in the handbook.] When the chair of a committee organizes members of SC to make phone calls for a non-profit at a particular time for a particular occasion, this would count as direct involvement. So would an event scheduled by Senior College on a particular day to have members travel to schools to read to grade school children. What would not count are general suggestions to give money or

books, etc., to particular non-profit organizations, or, for example, suggestions that SC members volunteer at the Y, Habitat for Humanity, the "Window Dressers," etc.

(This policy could go after "Class Assistants," p. 38, and before "Faculty Privileges," p. 39, in the Policy and Procedures.)

RATIONALE: i) Notices or ads of the need for community volunteers, donations, or events, etc., which Senior College is not directly involved with, have been (and are being) placed in the E-news, or mentioned in classroom announcements, etc., only because someone wants it so, and knows how to go about getting it done. (This has not yet been a problem for the website, but it is a possibility we would like to head off.) Apart from taking up class time, this practice is both arbitrary and unfair. Arbitrary because there are no criteria for deciding which ones get mentioned and which do not, and unfair because what is sauce for one SC member ought to be sauce for all of us, i.e., why shouldn't we all be given a chance to mention our favorite non-profits, community events, etc. in the E-news, on the website, or in classroom announcements? Limiting announcements to those events that Senior College is directly involved with solves this problem.

ii) The Policy for advertising/announcements also limits the ads and announcements made by the Community Service Committee to those events, organizations, etc., with which they are directly involved, and would also prohibit the committee from suggesting (on the website, in the E-news, in classroom announcements, or in posters on the food tables, etc.) that SC members give goods or money to certain non-profits with which SC (including the Community Service Committee) has no direct involvement.