

## Senior College at Belfast Board of Trustees May 9, 2018, Approved Meeting Minutes

**Call to order:** The president called the meeting to order at 9:04 a.m.

**Absent:** Cirillo, Economy

**Approval of minutes:** Approved

**Treasurer's report:** Accepted

### Other Reports

**President:** Anne Carsdale is again surveying the Maine Senior Colleges and new questions concern how clubs are handled, whether any disciplinary hearing procedures exist, and whether any senior college remunerates in any way the volunteer instructors. A Belfast Climate Change Committee is being organized and overtures to that group have been made regarding them offering a course here. Noting his experience on the Waldo County Community Action Partners board, Larson said their practice is to have 90 days cash reserve to cover interruption or loss of regular revenue streams. Treasurer Jim Taber noted that we have two "reserve" funds, one of \$16000 and another of \$28000.

**Curriculum Committee:** One half of the fall semester course lineup is in place; next committee meeting is May 16.

**Special Events Committee:** No report; Bradbury queried whether Larry Mayer's invitation to the students in his recent class here to visit the Darling Marine Center in Walpole could be the basis for a special events trip. Bradbury will contact both Mayer and Martha Laitin, chair of the committee.

**Finance Committee:** No report

**Community Service Committee:** Inactive

**Archives Committee:** No report; a new committee chair will be needed for next year.

**Publicity Committee:** Chair Nancy Perkins will join Arlin Larson, president, and Sue Garrett, registrar staffing a table for Senior College at the "Best of the Best" award program.

**Festival of Arts:** Bradbury reported there are 153 registrants for the show, two musical presentations are planned (Belfast Bay Fiddlers and guitarist Eric Bishop), and a film honoring artist Ashley Bryan.

**Fundraising Committee:** No report

**Nominating Committee:** Taber will place an announcement in the E-news that the committee will receive board nominations from the membership up to 90 days before the annual meeting.

**Registrar:** Spring one-day classes had enrollments of ten and thirteen students. The Hutchinson Center is upgrading AV equipment in the classrooms and acquiring touch screen computers. This will impact our teacher training, especially as Zora Merrill has left to work elsewhere (and see below).

### Unfinished Business

**Refreshments:** The ad hoc committee's first meeting will be immediately following today's board meeting.

**Best of the Best:** Our participation in the annual awards program is an experiment to determine if we can gain members by so doing.

### New Business

**Spring wrap-up:** Some complaints were made about the refreshments served at the break in classes. Numerous compliments were extended as to the variety of courses. The board will send a note of appreciation to Zora Merrill for her unselfish support to our teachers for audio-visual presentations.

The meeting was adjourned at 9:45 a.m. **The next meeting will be June 13, 2018.**

**David Boyer, Secretary**