

Senior College at Belfast Board of Trustees November 14, 2018, Approved Meeting Minutes

Call to order: President Larson called the meeting to order at 9:00 a.m. and the annual picture of the board was taken by Sara Shute.

Absent: Kaiserian

Approval of minutes: The minutes of the September 12, 2018, board meeting were approved as written.

Treasurer's report: Treasurer's reports for both September and October were accepted. **[Note: The board did not meet in October.]**

Other Reports

President: The president noted the new business items to be discussed later in the agenda.

Curriculum Committee: Nation reported that we have fifteen three-hour courses awaiting final approval for our winter term and two one-day classes. A reminder was made that we must keep the Hutchinson Center director apprised of each upcoming course schedule so our classes can be advertised by the Hutchinson Center.

Special Events Committee: The committee welcomes ideas for events or trips. A discussion of health, hunger and housing in Waldo County to be held at the library is being considered in the winter term.

Finance Committee: No report.

Archives Committee: Elisabeth Pollock has joined the committee. Efforts continue to track old paper reports to fill in some gaps in our collection. A question was raised about adding the collection of course syllabi but no action was taken on the matter.

Publicity Committee: We have new volunteers to distribute materials to area libraries, and the outreach to publications in the Camden, Ellsworth, and Bangor has increased. Ideas for feature stories are always welcome.

Festival of Arts: No report.

Fundraising Committee: Sandi Cirillo and John Economy are preparing for next year's annual fundraising appeal. The solicitation letter to all members has been mailed.

Nominating Committee: No report.

Registrar: Sue Garrett noted that the increase in fees for the Islesboro ferry may affect the number of course registrations from the island. Garrett raised the questions for future consideration of whether a backup person should be trained as registrar and whether we needed to increase the number of hours the office is open.

Unfinished Business

Hutchinson Center Scholarships: The Hutchinson Center has requested that the Senior College at Belfast recommit to sponsoring two \$1000 scholarships annually. After discussion a motion to do so passed.

New Business

"Fair registration" proposal: A proposal to provide an even playing field for course enrollments so that non-computer users aren't disadvantaged was discussed at some length and tabled until we ascertain what this means for the webmaster's control of online registration.

Proposal to sponsor talk by Richard Blanco: Discussion of whether a designated fund could be tapped for support of a non-Senior College originated request was put on hold until further notice. The fund's purpose: *To fund a Speakers' Series as part of the educational activities of Senior College at Belfast. The speakers will be chosen by their ability to attract a large number of both members and non-members of the Senior College to the Hutchinson Center, to hear about topics of intellectual, environmental, political, artistic, etc. interest.*

Postcard size query: The Publicity Committee has withdrawn its request for printing larger postcards to announce our course schedule each term.

Size of fall enrollment: Consideration of this issue has been postponed until the December meeting.

The meeting was adjourned at 10:53 a.m. **The next meeting is December 12, 2018, at 9:30 a.m. Please note that the 9:30 a.m. start time will be standard from this point.**

David Boyer, Secretary