

Senior College of Belfast Board Meeting June 9, 2021 (via Zoom)

Call to Order: President Nancy Perkins called the meeting to order at 9:32 AM.

Approval of Minutes: The minutes of the May meeting were accepted. Nancy Perkins will prepare the minutes for this meeting.

Treasurer's Report: Brenda Smith reported that no additional income has been received. However, she announced that our investment income from UMaine has grown by \$9,000.00. Treasurer's report approved.

The item on CourseStorm on the new business agenda was taken up at this point. Brenda briefly described the system, the cost, as well as the issue of attaching the \$1.99 fee per registration to the current course fee. It was moved by Martha Laitin and seconded by Beth Sterner that this fee be absorbed at this time. The next issue of the Newsletter will introduce CourseStorm, and Brenda will prepare a guide to using the new registration system. Al and Brenda reported it is ready to go at the current time. A discussion ensued regarding those members that do not use computers and they will be able to register via mail or in person. CourseStorm does not maintain our membership rolls; we will still need to do that ourselves.

Old Business: Elisabeth Pollack reported that the Handbook and by-Laws were ready to be put online but she wanted to check on the registration section in light of the change to CourseStorm.

Committee Reports: Deirdre Good reported that nine courses were lined up for the fall session but more were expected. The Curriculum Committee is waiting on word from the Hutchinson Center regarding the number of individuals we can have in person. The discussion on hybrid classes (In-person and Zoom simultaneously) continues and the State Association will be presenting a new system called The Owl at a meeting later today.

Nominating Committee: Jim Owen reported that he had sent a detailed report to the Board regarding the work of the Nominating Committee and that he would be presenting a slate at the July Board meeting.

Special Event: Martha Laitin -no report.

New Business: Nancy announced that submissions for the Corona Chronicles had ceased and that perhaps it was time to stop sending it out. There was a discussion with the upshot being the Chronicles have played an important role during the past year plus and that it provides a wonderful outlet for all of us to share with one another. Perhaps a renaming is in order now that the virus has hopefully subsided. Nancy said she and Janet wanted to print the material in a booklet form and perhaps seek a grant. Al commented that this would be an extremely expensive undertaking.

Beth Sterner announced that Waldo County CAP is holding two meetings later this summer on community needs and would like representatives of Senior College to attend; one meeting for Belfast

residents and another for county residents. Nancy Perkins will attend the Belfast meeting and Deirdre will attend the County meeting.

There being no further business the meeting adjourned at 10:36 a.m.

Respectfully submitted, Nancy Perkins for Rebecca Jessup