

**Senior College of Belfast Board Meeting
March 8, 2021 (via Zoom)**

Call to Order: President Nancy Perkins called the meeting to order at 9:33 AM. All were present except for Elizabeth Pollack, David Greeley.

Approval of Minutes: The minutes of the February, 2021 meeting were approved.

Treasurer's Report: Brenda reported that no new income had been received since Winterim courses had previously been accounted for and Spring course registrations had not begun. A recent statement from U of M foundation showed our investments had rebounded. Treasurer's report moved for acceptance by Beth Sterner, seconded by Jim Owen and unanimously approved.

Old Business:

Senior College Donation Fund/Grant Program: Ron Jarvella reported on the status of a grant to be presented to Waldo Community Action Program for service to seniors in Waldo County. This grant is a result of a Board resolution to use surplus funds resulting from the budgetary impact of Covid 19 . No fees as well as no refreshment costs resulted in this surplus. Ron described the Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) which with two minor corrections had been presented to the Board. Members of the Committee still believe that a Budget needs to accompany the MOU in order to release the \$10,000.00 to WaldoCAP. Ron stressed that the Committee had been extremely thorough in investigating and performing due diligence in reaching this decision. Following a lengthy discussion Brenda Smith moved that "Upon receipt of a budget detailing the use of the grant funds the money would be released to WaldoCAP". Jim Owen seconded the motion and the motion passed. Additional clarification stated that our Treasurer would meet with the WaldoCAP Treasurer to determine the budget and once this was completed the funds would be forwarded to the organization.

New Business:

Additional Report from the Treasurer:

Introduction of Course Storm a new system for registration

Al Arthur recused himself from the meeting stating that he could not take part in this presentation, discussion, and vote since it presented a conflict of interest to him.

Brenda Smith briefly described the need for a more streamlined and manageable registration system for Senior College Belfast. In looking at other systems she discovered Course Storm is currently in use at four of the other Maine Senior Colleges. Course Storm is used by more than 500 organizations in the country and is based here in Maine.

She introduced Amy Farrell of Course Storm who presented a detailed demonstration of how the system would operate for our Senior College and the benefits that would accrue from simple accounting information to up-to-date registration statistics. Following the presentation it was

discussed by all and Brenda thanked Amy for her time. Amy announced that the training for Course Storm will be done at no charge. Future training would be by those who have been trained. Brenda will present the cost figures for Course Storm at the April Board meeting.

Curriculum Committee:

Deirdre announced that Spring Registration is now open for 10 courses and that a few more may be added. The information has been published on the “You Know You Love Belfast” Facebook page and information will be forwarded to all members ASAP.

Deirdre also reported that the Ad Hoc Technology Committee was working on task descriptions for Instructors, Hosts, and Participants that will be added to the website once they are completed.

Nominating Committee: Jim Owen reported that he will email information to the Board regarding the nominating process and possibly speak with each of us regarding terms, etc.

Additional New Business:

Nancy briefly reported on a meeting with Senior College representatives and Hutchinson Center Staff regarding the possibility of returning to campus during the Summer months. In addition several classrooms are being equipped with the technology that will enable both live and virtual classes being taught simultaneously. These rooms will probably cost a bit more. So we can plan on a hybrid situation for a few classes if and when we return.

The meeting was adjourned at 11:27 a.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Nancy Perkins for Rebecca Jessup