

The Handicraft Club Board Meeting

October 18, 2019

The University Club

Board Members Present: Amabel Allen, Kit Barnum, Bobbie Binder, Sara Carcieri, Lisa Churchville, Deb Drinker, Kate Farrington, Janet Jagger, Fran Gammell-Roach, Margaret Lederer, Liza McCahan, Trish Poirrier, Mary Reineman, Heather Roberts, Helene Shapiro, Marilyn Shealey

Board Members Absent: Jay Connelly

Assistant Committee Chairs Present: Angela Bay, Sharleen Bowen

President Fran Gammell-Roach called the meeting to order at 10:10 am. She announced that Jackie's sister had a heart attack and Jackie would be out of the club at various times this week to be with her family.

Secretary's Report: The secretary's report was approved as submitted.

Consent Agenda: The Consent Agenda, containing reports from the Class Committee, the Giving Society Committee, and the Buildings and Grounds Committee was approved as submitted with the additional note that Henry will be blowing leaves from the walks with an electric blower and a keyless entry system will be installed.

Treasurer's Report: Sara Carcieri reviewed the Treasurer's Report, noting that income from Truman's Trolley was higher than projected and the number of members taking classes was greater. There was nothing significant to note in the expenses. The report was approved as submitted.

There was discussion as to how to present informational budget figures while protecting the privacy of employees' salaries. Salaries will be recorded as a lump sum, separating out dollars available for future hires.

President's Report: Jackie has stated that she wishes to retire in August 2020. There have been rumors that she was asked to leave. Members are asked to clarify this if it brought to our attention. Fran also reported that there has been a theft of materials in the basket room. There will be a lock placed on a closet with only Donele, Jackie and Rebecca having keys.

Library Discussion: Discussion was held on concerns about dampness in the library and the condition of books with mold. Bobbie will collect names of members

willing to serve on the library committee. There was also consideration given to moving the library, perhaps to the Dining Room or the Burton Room. Also, remarks were given about whether to outsource the mold removal of the books.

Basement Concerns: Building and Grounds will have an air quality assessment done on the basement. Other concerns are the open cistern in one of the rooms and access with the tight and steep stairs. The following motion was made by Bobbie, seconded by Helene, and passed unanimously:

that the basement not be used until the cistern room is secured, access to the area has been studied, and the air quality (including radon) has been assessed.

Membership Report: Kate Farrington reported that there has been one new application. Information about the potential member will be posted and the application voted upon at the November meeting. Margaret read the guest policy from the handbook. It will be distributed to the membership either through an email blast or in the newsletter. Membership numbers are down. All were asked to consider ways to increase membership. Fran suggested that Kate increase the number of members on her committee, focusing on relatively new members, to add to ideas.

Nominating Committee: Heather and Sharleen reported that two members have accepted positions on the Nominating Committee: Drew Moran and Stacy Emmanuel. Pam Gardner has agreed to serve as a Resource Manager, keeping a file of members' interests and skills. The following motion was made, seconded and passed unanimously:

that Stacy Emmanuel and Drew Moran be accepted as members of the Nominating Committee.

Knitting Project: Margaret Lederer reported that members are being asked to knit caps and scarves to donate to the organization Angels Among Us. Yarn will be available and Kay Mels will conduct a workshop to help members get started.

The board members were asked to split into two groups to discuss how to handle members who disrupt the experience of others. Ideas were recorded for use in future policy development.

The meeting was adjourned at 12:00 pm.

Respectfully submitted,
Marilyn Shealey, Recording Secretary