

COUNCIL MINUTES OCTOBER 1 2018

The Council meeting was opened at 2:35 by President Bob Gottfried. All council members were present.

Chairpersons for three committees were invited to speak and give us an update regarding their committees. Caroline Thompson for Scheduling, Michael Wellner for Membership and Frieda Lipp for Diversity.

Caroline Thompson spoke first and outlined the procedures used for scheduling the various classes. It's a difficult job due to coordinators' schedules and a number of conflicts to avoid. A chart was presented which demonstrated how the schedule avoids conflicts between classes with similar themes. Classes were categorized as A-Arts, C-Contemporary Issues, H- History, L-Literature, S- Science/Philosophy. This should eliminate some conflicts. Also P- is a label for those courses which require preparation and assignments and W- for Workshops. The Fall 2018 schedule avoids having classes from the same category scheduled opposite one another. Every effort will be made to continue this pattern in future schedules.

Following Caroline, Michael Wellner reported that as of today we have 250 members. A discussion ensued regarding keeping some spots open for returning members from leaves. Steve Allen reported that historically very few members return from leaves. Also the interview process needs to be strengthened so that immediate acceptance of a candidate should be postponed for a time to ascertain the candidates qualifications and interest in participating. In general the council is able to increase the total membership by 3% if the situation calls for it but in general we have decided to hold out about 5 spots of the 260 cap for new applications in the Spring.

A brochure was distributed among the Council members today which was developed almost a year ago and has had some criticism by the Marketing Committee and the Diversity Committee. After a lengthy discussion, Carolyn McGuire made a motion that a Marketing Brochure should be developed by the Marketing committee with input from all standing committees and then presented to the Council for input and opinions, changes and approval. This was seconded by Steve Allen and carried unanimously.

Frieda Lipp spoke briefly about her plans to visit community libraries, museums, book stores and others in order to attract a diversity of members. Basically, she seems to have approached the Schomberg Library through Poetry groups and has contacted a number of leaders of these groups. At this time it's a "wait and see" approach and we'll see what the outcome will be.

Next on the Agenda, Steve Allen reviewed our healthy financial bottom line. He reported on the meeting with Dean Juan Carlos Mercado and Davi Saroop of CWE with Bob Gottfried, Marian Friedmann and Steve. Quest offered CWE an additional \$2000 per year overall as contributions to their Scholarship Fund and the Film Festival, with no increase in rent. CWE accepted the offer and is very happy with Quest's proposal.

Bob Gottfried briefly discussed the fact that we need to clarify the roles of Questcommunity and Questbusiness. Wayne Cotter will be writing a brief review of these programs in the next issue of QNEWS so that all Questers will have the guidelines in writing.....again.

Three items in New Business were brought up:

- 1- Jennifer Jolly received a question from Culture Quest to clarify who was organizing mini day trips. She was assured that these

trips are coming from the Travel Committee and all offerings for day trips are reported to and cleared by the Culture Quest committee.

2- Also a new offering from a new member for a Dine Around program was sent to the Questcommunity. It sounds like a fun thing to do and we'll wait and see how it plays out.

3- The Founding Members of Quest thanked Bob and the Council for our unanimous voting to waive all present and future membership fees.

The next Council meeting will be held on Tuesday November 6th and the General Meeting on Wednesday November 7th. The meeting was adjourned at 3:15.

Respectfully submitted,
Carolyn McGuire