

QUEST COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES - JUNE 20, 2019

The meeting was brought to order at 12:10. We welcomed new Council members Wayne Cotter and Michael Wellner and re-elected members Pam Gemelli and Frieda Lipp. All Council members were present with the exception of Phil Gisser.

-Bob Gottfried stated the first order of business was a check received by Quest in the amount of \$37,000 from Craig Weltha, as a gift, in memory of Peter Cott and Ken Leedom. Quest previously received a bequest of \$350,000 from the Estate of Kenneth Leedom. We do not expect to receive any more funds from the estate.

-Steve Allen gave the Treasurers report and stated that there is nothing new to report regarding our healthy financial state. The proposed budget for 2019-2020 was unanimously approved.

-Bob presented his list of proposed Committee Chairs all of which were approved by the Council. In addition, Liaisons from the Council to the committees were also assigned. The results are as follows:

AV & Tech: Wayne Cotter, liaison Wayne Cotter

Audit: David Judlowitz, liaison Phil Gisser

Caring: Eleanor Maurillo & Mary Ellen McKenna, liaison Jennifer Jolly

Coffee: Michael Wellner and liaison

Culture Quest: Renee Woloshin, liaison Pam Gemelli

Curriculum: Joyce West, liaison Steve Allen

Diversity: Frieda Lipp, liaison Frieda Lipp

ERT: Doreen DeMartine, liaison Michael Wellner

Facilities: Victor Brenner, liaison Steve Allen

Marketing & Communications: Martha Drezin, liaison Carolyn McGuire

Membership: Michael Wellner, liaison Jennifer Jolly

QNEWS: Carolyn McGuire, liaison Carolyn McGuire

QReview: Wayne Cotter, liaison Wayne Cotter

Scheduling: Caroline Thompson, liaison Marian Friedmann

Travel: Carolyn McGuire & Michael Wellner, liaison Carolyn McGuire

Freshman Class: Pam Gemelli & Betty Farber, liaison Betty Farber

- Next a discussion of Noontime Knowledge was taken up and all agreed that it was fine as long as there was a limited number of sessions in a given week. Steve will present the Council with the average number per week for the past year. In general, the consensus was that there should be on average one each week.
- Wayne brought up the issue of Summer School offerings this summer. Several members of the Council expressed concern that the Council does not have a good understanding of the process the Curriculum Committee follows in developing the schedule for the Summer Session. Therefore, the Council decided to invite Joyce West, Curriculum Committee Chair, to the September council meeting to inform the Council about this process.
- Bob has instituted a Social Committee which will organize monthly Wine & cheese, Afternoon Tea, Coffee & Cake, gatherings following class. This should stimulate camaraderie among new and old members. Bob will send out an email requesting volunteers for this committee.
- Michael submitted a Membership Report which informed us that there are 15 new summer session members, and a general increase in the number of people inquiring about joining Quest. Depending upon the number of renewals we

receive, (and the number that we lose over the summer), we will see how many new members we accept. We all agreed that we should try and leave some slots available for the Spring of 2020. In addition, Nan McNamara has assumed the role of Vice Chair of this committee and will take over as Chair at the end of this academic year..

- Bob made a motion to pay Barbara Bianca, Quest's Office Manager, for holidays that fall during weeks when Quest would otherwise normally be in session (such as Columbus Day, Presidents' Day, the Wednesday before Thanksgiving, etc. She is currently assuming more activities than previously required and is also about to assume some of the NWAQ tasks. The motion was unanimously approved.

There being no additional New Business, the meeting was adjourned at 1:30

Respectfully submitted,
Carolyn McGuire