

Quest Council Minutes June 28, 2018

The meeting was opened at 12:30 by President Bob Gottfried. All Council members were present. Bob introduced the new members of the Council, Carolyn McGuire, Betty Farber and Jennifer Jolly. He then reviewed the rules of order which are in effect at the Council meetings.

Following the agenda, Steve Allen presented the Financial Report and indicated that Quest continues to be in relatively good financial shape. He then presented the 2018/19 Budget and reviewed various items which needed to be increased by small percentages. Mainly the CULTURE QUEST Museum trips required a significant increase. Last year, the Council agreed to a \$2,500 annual budget, but not that much of it was spent because the budget proposal came midyear. This year, it is anticipated that the full amount of \$2,500 will be spent. At a prior meeting this budget was approved so long as the trips were open to all Quest members. In general we are operating on the same budget as we did last year. Carolyn McGuire made a motion to accept the budget and Phil Gisser seconded it. It passed unanimously.

Bob Gottfried then reviewed appointments of committee chairs. They are: Audit - David Judlowitz, Travel - Carolyn McGuire & Michael Wellner, Mentoring - Arlene Hajinlian and Larry Shapiro, Caring - Eleanor Mauriello and Mary Ellen McKenna, Coffee - Roberta Schoenfield, Culture Quest - Renee Woloshin, Scheduling - Caroline Thompson, Curriculum - Brenda Wilder/Vicechair Joyce West, Marketing & Communications - Leslie Goldman, QReview - Wayne Cotter, AV&Technology - Wayne Cotter, Emergency Response Team - Doreen DeMartini, Facilities - Victor Brenner, QNews - Carolyn McGuire, Membership-Michael Wellner

This was followed by creating liaison members from the council for each committee. They are:

Marian Friedmann - Scheduling, QReview - Eileen Kelly, Q News - Betty Farber, Caring and EMS - Pam Gemelli, CultureQuest - Jennifer Jolly, Tech & Curriculum - Steve Allen, Mentoring - Frieda Lipp, Audit and Marketing/Communications - Phil Gisser, Membership - Bob Gottfried

A discussion of the Diversity Committee followed concerning the direction of the committee, Steve Allen will undertake research to determine what has been done in the past to recruit diverse members. The discussion was tabled until such time as Steve brings in his report. Following the meeting Frieda Lipp volunteered to chair the Diversity Committee this year. The President and Council enthusiastically accepted her proposal.

The Membership report of initial response to the request for next year's dues are about 100 renewals so far; 4 members cancelled, 3 who are leave will be coming back, and we enrolled 7 new members, 4 of whom are enrolled for the Summer.

Eileen Kelly brought up the question of why weren't the 17 poems published in the December Year of Angst included in Q Review. Wayne Cotter had already responded to Bob Gottfried regarding this question and he explained that all the poets had other poems in the Q Review and the poems were all political in nature, reflecting only one point of view, and that adding 17 additional poems would make the Q Review too large.

The second issue raised by Eileen Kelly was the absence of a Creativity Day during the summer session. It was suggested that the Curriculum Committee establish a subcommittee with at least three members to organize Creativity Day next summer.

A short discussion of **Questcommunity** and the strange submissions from unknowns was something to be addressed especially since someone had signed Betty to an objectionable email. Steve explained that it is difficult to control how individual members utilize the internet, so we should make suggestions but recognize that not all suggestions will be followed 100%. It was suggested that we sign our full name when communicating on **Questcommunity and Questbusiness** as well.

The meeting was adjourned at 1:35. The next meeting will be Monday September 17th at 2:30.

Respectfully submitted,
Carolyn McGuire