

## **QUEST COUNCIL MINUTES OCTOBER 7<sup>TH</sup>**

All members of the Council were present at the meeting.

Bob Gottfried opened the meeting at 2:35 PM

### **TREASURERS REPORT**

Steve Allen reported that there have been no material changes in Quest's financial position since his last report to the September Council meeting. The annual rent payable to CWE of \$70,000, which was the amount budgeted, was proposed by President Bob Gottfried at his meeting with CWE Dean Juan Carlos Mercado, and was agreed to by the Dean. Steve reported two items that will lead to higher than budgeted expenses in 2019-2020: (1) \$2,500 of the \$4,500 in expenses that the Council approved in 2018-2019 for development of an upgraded Quest website needed to be postponed until 2019-2020, due to delays in the upgrade, and (2) inadvertent omission of a \$1,250 payment for CPR training of the Quest Emergency Response Team that was approved by the Council in 2018-2019 for payment in 2019-2020. Steve requested that the Council increase budgeted expenses to reflect these two items and the Council accepted his proposal. While this will increase expenses from the budgeted amount by close to \$4,000, this will be offset by membership fees now projected to be \$4,000 greater than the conservative amount that was assumed for the budget.

### **MEMBERSHIP**

Michael Wellner reported that we now have 265 members and the cap remains at 270. If necessary the Council can approve additional memberships by up to 3% for candidates who they find to be extraordinary.

### **TECHNOLOGY**

As Wayne Cotter reported last month, CCNY is planning to move away from our current podium-based system to a wi-fi-based system. Thus, large-scale changes to the podium system are not possible. However, Robert Hernandez has agreed to redrill the podiums in order to move the mics closer to the presenter. Quest has purchased the necessary equipment to make such changes in Room 15-17 and the auditorium. If successful, each classroom's mic will be refitted.

Phil Gisser brought up the issue of video recording various presentations for home-bound Quest members and those that are unable to attend. The Council agreed that recording presentations during the Quest encore

summer session would make the most sense. Steve Allen and Wayne will follow-up on this through the Marketing & Communications Committee.

### **HOLIDAY PARTY**

The Holiday Party will be held at Amata Restaurant, [209 East 56 Street](#) on Friday December 6<sup>th</sup> at 12:30. The cost is \$40 for members and \$60 for guests.

### **SOCIAL COMMITTEE**

The Social Committee chaired by Lois Cardillo and Marcia Friedman held its first social in the lunchroom at 2:30 on Sept 24<sup>th</sup> and it was a big success. The next social will be held on Oct 22<sup>nd</sup> (Halloween theme) and followed by November 20<sup>th</sup>. These socials are conducted to foster camaraderie among QUEST members.

### **NEW BUSINESS**

Previously tabled from the last Council meeting, the issue of outside playwrights performing at QUEST. The question dealt with Seamus Scanlon's (Librarian at CWE) performance of the Long Wet Grass, film and performance to be held in February at 2:30 (date to be confirmed). The Council approved the activity and allotted \$400 for payment to the actors.

**RESPECTFULLY SUBMITTED**

**CAROLYN MCGUIRE**

Quest Secretary