

## **QUEST COUNCIL MINUTES**

**Monday February 10, 2020**

Members present: Marian Friedmann, Bob Gottfried, Frieda Lipp, Pam Gemelli, Steve Allen, Wayne Cotter, Michael Wellner, Phil Gisser, Carolyn McGuire Jennifer Jolly, Betty Farber

The meeting opened at 2:35PM

### **TREASURERS REPORT BY STEVE ALLEN**

Steve Allen reported that there is no change in projections vs the current budget from his report at the December Council meeting -- income from membership fees is still projected at \$145,000 and total expenses projected at \$140,000 leading to a small \$5,000 annual surplus. There has been a change in Quest's reserves since the last Council meeting, with the receipt of a final additional \$100,000 bequest from Peter Cott. This brings Quest reserves up to roughly \$800,000.

**MEMBERSHIP COMMITTEE REPORT BY MICHAEL WELLNER.** Michael stated that there are currently 267 members of Quest and there are currently 7-9 pending new members. Bob Gottfried made a motion in order to allow additional members to join and thus keeping the present cap of 270 total members. The motion was made to allow current members to withdraw from Quest and receive partial refund of tuition with the option of re-joining in the fall. This motion is a one-time trial for this semester only.

*“Council will allow current members who wish to resign their membership for the Spring/Summer 2020 to do so., if they have not attended any classes this Spring, and elect to withdraw, in writing, on or before February 14<sup>th</sup>. Upon receiving emails from resigning members, the President shall transmit their names to the Treasurer, who shall refund one-half of the tuition paid by the member back to them. The Membership Chair shall add each resigning member’s name to the Quest’s leave of absence list, and they shall have the first opportunity to re-join Quest, prior to adding any new members for the 2020-1021 Quest year. This policy will only be in place for the Spring/Summer 2020 term, unless it is reimplemented in a*

*future Council resolution. It is being implemented now to create space for new members under Quest's membership cap."*

Discussion followed and the motion was voted on and passed .

## **CALENDAR**

The next item on the agenda was a discussion of the dates for the 2020-2021 calendar year. It was determined that since Labor Day falls on September 7<sup>th</sup>, Quest would begin on September 8<sup>th</sup> and the last day of the Fall term would be December 11<sup>th</sup>. The Spring 2021 term would begin on February 1<sup>st</sup> and end May 13<sup>th</sup> .

The Council unanimously accepted this calendar.

## **ANNIVERSARY PARTY SOUVENIRS**

A proposal was made to purchase and distribute tote bags as souvenirs at the Anniversary luncheon.

**The Council** agreed unanimously

## **CWE STUDENT SCHOLARSHIPS**

Bob Gottfried proposed the following:

*Beginning in the spring of 2020, Quest will provide an annual \$5,000 scholarship for CWE students to be named the Ken Leedom/Peter Cott Memorial Scholarship. This scholarship will be funded by Quest reserve funds and will be in addition to the annual \$3,500 CWE scholarship that is included in Quest's annual budget. Recipients of this new Quest scholarship will be selected by CWE staff.*

The Council passed this motion unanimously

## **NEC ELECTION REPORT**

Marian Friedmann presented a calendar for the Council Elections. Speeches from the candidates will be given during the week of April 20<sup>th</sup>, Elections will be held on May 4<sup>th</sup> and 5<sup>th</sup>. There are 3 open officer's

positions: Vice President, Treasurer and Secretary, and 3 Council at Large positions.

## **VIDEO RECORDING PRESENTATIONS**

Wayne informed the Council of a Pilot program where Bob Reiss will be videoing various presentations in order to ascertain the success of undertaking this task. We will wait and see how it all turns out.

The next Council meeting will be held on March 2<sup>nd</sup>.

The meeting was adjourned at 3:40.

Respectfully submitted,

Carolyn McGuire