

QUEST COUNCIL MINUTES

Tuesday, August 4, 2020

Members present: David Bernard, Stephanie Butler, Wayne Cotter, Pam Gemelli, Bob Gottfried, Arlynn Greenbaum, Karen Levin, Frieda Lipp, Penelope Pi-Sunyer, Ruth Ward and Michael Wellner.

Members absent: None

Due to the Covid-19 pandemic shutdown, this monthly meeting was held via Zoom call. The meeting was called to order by Quest President Bob Gottfried at 2:00 p.m.

Virtual Museum Tours

Council unanimously approved the allocation of \$1,350 to subsidize Quest members who sign up for virtual museum tours for the fall semester. Museums will include The Jewish Museum, The Metropolitan Museum, The Tenement Museum and several others.

During each virtual museum visit Quest members will be in a Zoom meeting with an individual docent. Since some museums have a limited attendee capacity, Council agreed that any given individual who attends a museum tour will have to wait for all other Quest members to be given an opportunity to attend one museum tour before that individual attends his or her second tour.

Approval of Changes to the Published Quest Calendar

- Oral Interpretation of Poetry will be moved to the Tuesday morning of A week instead of its current Tuesday afternoon of A week so that it does not conflict with the Creative Writing Workshop.

Council unanimously approved these changes. Steve Allen will change the Quest website and the Quest catalog.

Liaison Assignments for Council Members

Each Council Member was asked to think of a specific Committee they would like to work with as a liaison. Below are the Quest Committees and the Council liaison.

- Auditing Committee - Arlynn Greenbaum
- Curriculum Committee - David Bernard, Penelope Pi-Sunyer
- Diversity Committee - Frieda Lipp
- Marketing & Communications Committee - Michael Wellner
- Membership Committee – Pam Gemelli
- Online Learning Committee – Wayne Cotter
- QReview – Ruth Ward
- Scheduling Committee – Karen Levin
- Technology Committee – Stephanie Butler

When we return to 25 Broadway, someone from Council will be the liaison with the Emergency Response Team (ERT).

Informational Session to Review the Quest Bylaws

Wayne Cotter assigned a section of the Quest Bylaws to each member of Council for an informational session to be scheduled in the near future. Council members will explain their section of the Bylaws in their own words. Steve Allen will attend the session as the Subject Matter Expert on the Bylaws. This will give Council members the opportunity to suggest changes or updates to Quest's Bylaws.

Quest 25th Anniversary Luncheon

Michael Wellner confirmed the luncheon will be May 14, 2021, at the Harmonie Club.

Treasurer's Report

- Quest's finances continue in a healthy state. Stephanie Butler will prepare a partial budget for the fall semester while we are meeting virtually. Monthly expenses are expected to be \$1,500 - \$2,000 for the Online Learning Committee (Zoom) and for the Caring Committee.
- To date, we have received membership fees from 6 new Zoom members for the fall semester.

Quest Memorial for Barbara Bianco and Sandra Southwell

Council agreed to hold one memorial service for both Barbara Bianco and Sandra Southwell. Bob Gottfried will contact family and friends of both women to see if they would like to participate and then he will schedule a date for September.

New Business

A) Big Apple Greeters Talk

Bob Moore recommended a talk presented by Big Apple Greeters to commemorate the 100th anniversary of women given the right to vote. The talk is called “A Feminist Walk Through Harlem.” Arlynn Greenbaum followed up with the presenter and scheduled a Quest presentation for August 26, 2020, the actual date for Women’s Equality Day.

B) Quest Members Living Alone

Frieda Lipp discussed Quest members who live alone and those who may not actively participate in Quest. Concerns were raised about how we can keep in touch. Several Quest members do reach out to individuals who are alone. Bob Reiss tries to keep the Caring Committee aware of Quest members who seem not to participate in our online sessions.

C) Marketing & Communications Video

The Marketing & Communications Committee produced a six-minute video to attract new Zoom members. It will be posted on the Quest website.

The Council's next scheduled meeting is Monday, September 14 at 4:00 p.m.

The meeting was adjourned by Bob Gottfried at 3:15 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Karen Levin

Secretary