

QUEST COUNCIL MINUTES

Thursday, September 9, 2021

Council Members present: David Bernard, Stephanie Butler, Wayne Cotter, Mary Ann Donnelly, Bob Gottfried, Arlynn Greenbaum, Karen Levin, Nan McNamara, Penelope Pi-Sunyer, Donna Ramer, Ruth Ward and Michael Wellner.

Council 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 Ruth Ward at 4:00 pm.

Committee Liaisons Report

Council did not have any information to report.

25th Anniversary Luncheon Update

The sub-committee met and they will visit the Harmonie Club at the end of September to meet with the banquet manager. There are two pianos on the premises. The tote bags will be delivered directly to the Harmonie Club within one week of the event.

Tech Team Committee - Hybrid Training Report

The team met at 25 Broadway and Wayne Cotter and Sheryl Harawitz trained several members on the new equipment. The home audience can see and hear the presentation. The Zoom host will monitor the home audience to see who has hands raised regarding questions.

Membership Report

Donna Ramer discussed the number of members who have renewed and sent in a check.

- There are 208 fully paid members
- There are 5 new paid members

Leave of Absence Members

- 13 members are currently on a leave of absence

New Members

- There are 6 prospective new members

Arlynn Greenbaum suggested that the video created by Sheryl Harawitz be sent to all new members and Council agreed.

Return to 25 Broadway Attendance and Procedures

- CWE has asked us to take attendance (in case there is a need for contact tracing)
- During the first week back, all members must show their Quest ID to lobby security and then go to the 7th floor
- Joyce Hinote will have a master list of all members and will mark off proof of vaccination upon arrival
- Nan McNamara and Donna Ramer will provide the names of the new members to Joyce Hinote and Ruth Ward. New members will be added to the master list on the day they arrive
- Quest members volunteered to affix stickers on Quest members ID cards at 9:30 am in the auditorium on

September 13th, 14th and 15th after the member shows either their Excelsior Pass on their phone or their paper CDC Vaccination card.

- Council reviewed the greeter process for members who arrive on the 7th floor. Stephanie Butler, Karen Levin and Penelope Pi-Sunyer will serve as greeters and guides during the week of September 13 through September 15.
- Joyce Hinote, Donna Ramer, Ruth Ward and Michael Wellner will be in the office to create IDs for new members or members who lost their IDs
- Council reviewed the number of members allowed to eat lunch in the following rooms:
 - Lunchroom capacity – 25
 - Lounge area capacity – 12
 - Brooklyn Room (next to the Quest office) capacity – 8

Please note that food is not permitted in any of the classrooms or the auditorium. Water is the only liquid allowed.

Electronic Archives Information

Council decided to review this at our next meeting.

Dates for the Distinguished Guest Speakers

Arlynn Greenbaum updated Council regarding Beth Callendar's request to use one of the dates given to the Guest Speakers Committee. May 11, 2022 will be used for Creativity Day.

Additional Member's Survey

Wayne Cotter will email a new survey on September 10 asking members which classes they plan to attend on September 13th, 14th and 15th. This will give Council an idea of attendance during the first week.

Treasurer's Report for August 2021

Quest Treasurer Stephanie Butler said there are no significant changes.

The Council's next scheduled meeting is Monday, October 4, at 2:45 pm. We will meet in person at 25 Broadway.

The meeting was adjourned by Ruth Ward at 5:15 pm.

Respectfully submitted,

Karen Levin

Secretary