

## **Board of Governors Meeting – April 17, 2018**

**Present:** *Derek Wallbank, Andrea Edney, Lisa Matthews, Peter Urban, Ferdous Al-Faruque, Ed Barks, Pat Host, Erik Meltzer, Bill McCarren, Mike Freedman, Jen Judson, Andrew Fisher, Lindsay Murphy, Alison Fitzgerald Kodjak.*

Wallbank called meeting to order.

Al-Faruque called a motion to approve the previous month's minutes. Matthews, seconded. The minutes were unanimously approved.

Al-Faruque presented team liaison reports and asked board members to do their best to attend their designated team meetings and get their liaison reports in.

Meltzer noted he received report from the Professional Development Team.

Matthews noted Young Members Team was working on the NPC spelling bee which includes prizes such as a raffle for a dinner at the Fourth Estate and a travel prize.

Host called a motion to approve the new membership list. Meltzer seconded. The list was unanimously approved.

Host called a motion to approved the list of retired members. Kodjak seconded. The motion was unanimously approved.

There was a question about how to determine communicator member categories. The board decided to send questions regarding the issue to the board membership committee with instructions to come back to the full board with recommendations.

Freedman said the club made profit for first time this year with almost \$13,000. However, that was well under budget expectation of \$181,000. A combination of reasons could explain why the shortfall including outside construction and bathroom renovations at the club. The ongoing work is probably unappealing for clients hoping to host events. There were also three weather-related events that led to some events being canceled or postponed.

Freedman noted media services also came in under budget. The bottom line is right now we have \$289,000 loss to date versus the \$88,000 projected loss but are anticipating to catch up by end of May.

McCarren says in April so far the estimate is 1.4m in revenue.

McCarren who is staff and board liaison to the Fellowship Team talked about getting more data on members who get dues waived for a year.

Wallbank talked about the success of magic night event at the club which was a big success for kids and their families. He asked the board to think about what else could be done in that vein to make the club more appealing to members with children.

McCarren noted the club plans to continue to fight for the release of Emilio Gutierrez and will hold an event to highlight his case during World Press Freedom Day. He also mentioned the Rockwell painting investment has done well but it was lower than the benchmark Brown Capital had originally set.

Edney gave the president's report and noted a lot of good events had taken place in the past month that included speakers such as Jeff Flake, Sherrod brown. There was also a Newsy event on conspiracy theorists. Other events included the Hurley Symposium and a visit by Gov. Jerry Brown. She also mentioned speakers that are planned in the near future including Linda McMann, the CEO of Delta. The commissioner of MLB and former Mexican President Vincente Fox.

Edney gave special kudos to Mike Freedman for the most recent Kalb Report which included a discussion on the Russian government's potential campaign to influence US elections.

Freedman also noted the success of the recent celebration of 50 Years of 60 Minutes at the club.

Edney said was a journalism job fair happening at the club while the board was meeting. She also mentioned the Spring Hoot is on April 26. Tom Tolls is set to headline the event and they are also bringing his rock band the Suspicious Package.

Edney noted she attended Connie Lawn's memorial service in Annandale. It was very well-attended and a beautiful event. She said she was honored to have been a part of it and was reminded how special our members are.

Edney thanked Host, Urban and McCarren for looking into the membership definitions on club's web page. There was a discussion about the structure of the membership categories. The board recommended the issue be forwarded to the board membership committee for discussion and recommendations be sent back to the board.

We need to set next general membership meeting in May. Wallbank moved to hold it May 4. Edney seconded. It was unanimously approved.

Board will meet on May 21.

Fisher said he met with Sylvia Smith and she sent her regards.

Wallbank adjourned the meeting.