

MINUTES OF THE GENERAL MEMBERSHIP MEETING MAY 5, 2006

Sylvia A. Smith, Secretary

President Jonathan Salant called the meeting to order at 12:20 p.m. About 25 members were present.

Secretary Sylvia Smith moved and the members approved the January minutes.

Salant reported on programs that had occurred or were scheduled. He said information on the Club's web site had been expanded and would soon include a story of the week to feature members' work. He said the Broadcast Operations Center was doing well despite the final cost being double original estimates. He said he had asked the auditors to explore why, and the answer was that estimates were too low. He said the new District of Columbia law on smoking would go into effect for private clubs in January 2007 and that the NPC would comply with all laws.

Salant also reported that former President Clayton Boyce had purchased a box of Club memorabilia on eBay and intends to donate it to the archives. He invited all members to donate Club material to the archives. He offered get-well wishes to former President David Hess and Marilou Donahue, both of whom were hospitalized.

Treasurer Donna Leinwand reported that income and expenses were slightly below budget for the first quarter. Members' equity increases 0.5 percent.

On behalf of Membership secretary John Donnelly, Salant reported there were 3,662 members as of April 30, down 63 from the previous year. Of them, 3,407 are dues-paying members, down 24. He said the up side is that members under age 35 had increased by 28 over last year.

The meeting was opened to questions from the membership. A complaint was raised about the billing system, and Vice president Jerry Zremski said he will raise the matter at the Budget Committee.

In reply to a question about the status of the construction on the first floor of the National Press Building, Salant said it is being controlled by the owners of the building (Quadrangle Management) and that their intent is to put a ceiling over Filene's Basement.

There being no other business, the meeting was adjourned at 12:40 pm.

The next general membership meeting is Oct. 13, 2006.