

BACDSC Board Meeting
Sorenson Group Videoconference
Friday, January 15, 2021

President Celia May (CM) Baldwin called the meeting to order at 10:01 a.m. All board members were present except for Marie Ramos. The rest were Celia May Baldwin, Paula Bryant, Eugene La Cosse, Maureen Nieves, Shirley Dart and Marta Barnes.

Shirley moved (seconded by Marta) that the September 14, 2020 board meeting minutes be accepted as read. Passed.

PRESIDENT'S REPORT (CM Baldwin)

President CM thanked each board for sending photo retakes of themselves with face masks for the flyer.

After some discussion, we all agreed that we would not schedule future meetings. In case of emergency, any board can call for one and the president will set it up. It is difficult to predict because of Covid-19 pandemic.

Officers agreed to move our terms one year ahead. Four current officers, Paula Bryant, Eugene LaCosse, Shirley Dart, and Marta Barnes, will be up for vote in November 2022. The terms of Celia May Baldwin, Marie Ramos, and Maureen Nieves will expire in November of 2023. We realized it is imperative to keep the organization running with staggered officers.

The BACDSC website has been updated recently. There is more work to be done. One suggestion was to give out cash prizes for different questions. Obituaries will be added whenever needed.

President CM wanted us all to start thinking about and planning for a big party to celebrate the post COVID-19 era.

President CM shared and then asked Shirley to send out four flyers to all members both by email and hard copies.

They are:

1. January greeting with our facemasks
2. Open Letter from President CM
3. Sorenson's invitation for group chats among members
4. Obituary flyer of four deceased members

Note: It was agreed that the flyers would include pictures of any member who was in BACDSC for more than 10 years

FIRST VICE PRESIDENT'S REPORT (Paula Bryant)

The workshops that were postponed due to Covid-19 (such as the ceramics, mandala rock painting, and creating mosaics) will take place at some point in the future.

SECOND VICE PRESIDENT'S REPORT (Marie Ramos)

Silver Hearts Committee – No new members were added.

Obituary – The passing of Dan Lynch was added to the obituary.

Bingo – No games have been scheduled due to the Covid-19 pandemic.

Note: CM mentioned that she called City of Fremont and managed to convince them to defer our bingo permit until we are open again for gatherings. This saved us another \$50.00 from last year.

SECRETARY'S REPORT (Eugene La Cosse)

None

TREASURER'S REPORT (Maureen Nieves)

The taxes for 2019 have been paid. Tax preparer fee was also paid.

The financial report as reported was approved by the full board.

- Beginning Bank Balance as of September 1, 2020
BACDSC – \$38,659.02
Bingo – \$5,439.84
DSC – \$6,768.50
- Ending Bank Balance as of December 31, 2020
BACDSC – \$37,842.77
Bingo – \$5,440.20
DSC – \$6,768.94

We received a donation of \$100 from Benevity Fund in December 2020.

MEMBERSHIP DIRECTOR'S REPORT (Shirley Dart)

Mentioned that we need to discuss our dues. The club should consider reducing the cost of dues to make membership more inviting and accessible to Deaf seniors. It was then agreed to discuss this further after the Covid-19 ban on gatherings has been lifted.

EVENT DIRECTOR'S REPORT (Marta Barnes)

None

NEW BUSINESS

The Board agreed to allocate a \$25 prize for the website question twice a month beginning in February and ending in July 2021. The total prizes will be up to \$300 if there are winners. See President's Open Letter to Members for more information.

The Board agreed and voted unanimously to surprise all our members with \$5.00 lottery tickets for St. Patrick's Day.

Shirley will prepare the mailing. Paula will create St. Patrick's Day flyer. Maureen will check the printing costs. CM will check the lottery on the website. We all are to communicate our progress.

The meeting was adjourned at 11:22 a.m.

Respectfully submitted by Eugene La Cosse, Secretary