

Garden City Duplicate Bridge Club
Club Board Minutes
July 26, 2024
11:00 a.m.

Present: Barbara Berens, Ken Bryan, Brad Halfpap, Judy Hartz, Susan Molaris, Becky Mosbacher

1. Minutes from May 2024 meetings approved. Future minutes will be approved by email upon receipt from Becky.
2. President's report, Ken Bryan—door with a window is on order
3. Treasurer's report, Barbara Berens—current balance is \$9,000
4. Money from Southgate Mall owed to GCDBC—via auto pay, we paid the mall \$1650 for both June and July. Our rent had been increased to \$1750 for June and decreased to \$750 for July. We were also responsible for utilities once we moved to the Mustard Seed. We were in that space for only three weeks, so we could expect to see a prorated amount returned to us. Barbara and Ken have been in contact with Christina and Tim from the mall, and hopefully we will receive a refund soon.
5. Consider removing the long wall. The estimate from BurlyMan contractors to remove the long wall has arrived and is just over \$20K.

The board is unsure how much our anonymous donor wishes to contribute to the remodel.

We are also not sure if this amount includes or is in addition to the cost and installation of the door.

Before removing the wall, we must have the fire marshal inspect it to determine if it is a firewall. We also have to have an electrician inspect the current wall before removal.

The ceiling height in the two areas of our space is not the same. If we remove the wall, we will need to have additional construction done to fix this discrepancy. It may be that the wall removal is too expensive.

Another option for opening up the space would be to add windows facing out into the hallway. The cost of this project is unknown.

6. Carpeting for the main area—Susan brought samples from Carpet Garage. We like the carpet tile option, mostly for ease of replacing only worn or damaged areas. Cost for the carpet will be around \$4,000, not including installation.
7. A white board will be installed for bridge lessons. Announcements will be consolidated into one area inside the playing area. Any non-club or non-unit postings must be approved by the board.

8. To comply with IRS guidelines for nonprofits, we have reviewed the room use agreement with Bridge with Brando. John will pay the club a monthly rate of \$300 for his Wednesday game, which will cover his amount of the club's monthly costs. After six months, we will review this amount to evaluate if it is adequate/fair.
9. Other items not on agenda:
 - a. We will be replacing small-faced cards with medium-faced cards and donating the small-faced cards to schools or other nonprofit organizations. We need to check the dealing machine's refurbishing schedule and get it scheduled for a tune-up, if necessary.
 - b. Barbara suggested a fundraising initiative for chairs on rollers/wheels of the type that the Kalispell club has.
10. Public comment—none
11. Next meeting October 25, 2024 at 11:00 a.m.
12. Annual club meeting will not be September 6, as previously scheduled. New date TBA.
13. Adjourn

Minutes submitted by Becky Mosbacher, Secretary