Unit 191 Board Minutes of Meeting on January 14, 2019 (rev 1)

Members Present: Ed Fuller, Hugon Karwowski, Jane Kiernan, Deanna Larus, Ray McEntee, Marian Meyer, Chris Moll, Craig Robinson, John Schachte, Mariee Walton and Phylliss Woody

Absent: Suzie Goldberg

Ed Fuller was elected President by acclamation and called the meeting to order at 4:15 p.m.

COMMITTEE ASSIGNMENTS

Ed Fuller led a group discussion and assigned committee responsibility for 2019 as follows:

ALERT Editor - Barbara Martin Disciplinary Chair - Phylliss Woody

District Representative - Chris Moll

Education Liaison - Mariee Walton

Electronic Contact - Jane Kiernan

Goodwill Ambassador Committee - Chris Moll

Hugon Karwowski Phylliss Woody

Hall of Fame Committee - Deanna Larus

Ed Fuller

Chris Moll

Historian - Barbara Martin

Holiday Gala & Annual meeting Committee - Deanna Larus

Suzie Goldberg Mariee Walton Ray McEntee John Schachte

Membership - Jane Kiernan

Mentoring Program Committee - Nancy Crow

Phylliss Woody

Nominations Committee - Chris Moll

Marian Meyer

Hugon Karwowski

Publicity - Craig Robinson

Tournament Coordinator - Mariee Walton

John Schachte

Unit Game Coordinator - Mariee Walton

John Schachte

Unit Recorder - Ray McEntee

Webmaster - Ed Fuller

OFFICERS

Ed Fuller assigned officers for 2019 as follows:

President: Ed Fuller

Vice President: Deanna Larus Secretary: Ray McEntee Treasurer: Suzie Goldberg

SECTIONAL TOURNAMENTS FOR 2019

Spring, March 7-10, chaired by Henry

Committee: Jane, Deanna, Marian and Hugon

Summer, July 11-14, chaired by Chris

Committee: John, Ray, Mariee and Ed

Fall, November 7-10, Chaired by Henry

Committee: Phylliss, Craig, Suzie and Chris

SPEAKERS SCHEDULE

A series of three programs are planned, one daytime, one evening, one weekend, all to be 60 to 90 minutes long. The first is Lance Shull on Tuesday, February 5 at 10 a.m. at TBC. Second is Chris on Tuesday, March 19 at 7 p.m. at TBC. Third is Henry on Saturday, April 13 at 1:30 p.m. at The Bridge Academy.

Time is of the essence for the first program; publicity needs immediate attention. Lance has a flyer which we can use. An e-mail blast/posters are a priority and a sign-up procedure has to be decided upon and implemented.

PRIZE STRUCTURE

Ed reported that in past years the Unit gave too much money in prizes at our sectional tournaments. He suggested we give 2/3 as much in the future and wants to reach a decision at the Feb board meeting.

GALA AND ANNUAL MEETING

A lengthy discussion ensued. First, it was established that the annual meeting could be held independent of a gala, perhaps in conjunction with the speakers' series.

Deanna reported that she has a "hold" on the venue for February 24 and that typically the Gala attracts 140 to 145 members but for December 2018 only 120 were signed up. She would expect about 100 for the Feb 24 date if we promote it strongly starting now, and our cost (approx. \$3,500.) would be covered if 100 commit.

We discussed an alternate to the Gala such as a party at TBC; it was noted that The Bridge Academy hosted about 180 people at its Holiday Party.

Hugon moved that we hold the Gala on Feb 24 at the hotel as intended. The motion carried 8 to 2 with 1 abstention.

Ed Fuller adjourned the meeting and simultaneously Chris announced that he is not available to attend the Gala, and moreover, he will not make any of his equipment available because in the past some equipment has been damaged in his absence. Deanna said this announcement severely impacted her plans and offered to contact Henry to determine equipment availability. (Historically TBC has provided all equipment for the Gala.) A second vote was taken on the motion for the Feb 24 date at the hotel: 4 yes, 6 no, 1 abstention.

Meeting adjourned 5:35 p.m.

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