

Unit 191 Board
Minutes of Meeting on February 10, 2020 rev1

Members Present: Deanna Larus, Jane Kiernan, Ray McEntee, Marian Meyer, Chris Moll, Paul Morrisette, Craig Robinson, John Schachte, Donna Walther, Mariée Walton and Phylliss Woody

Absent: Hugon Karwowski

Guest: Henry Meguid

Deanna Larus called the meeting to order at 4:20 p.m.

Publicity: An effort will be made to improve publicity in 2020, specifically for the Sectionals and the Lecture Series and the Mini-McKinney/Ace of Clubs parties. Mariee plans to share her materials with Publicity Co-chairs John and Phylliss who will take the lead in creating flyers and other promotional materials for all unit events. All board members will be encouraged to follow the leadership of John and Phylliss and get involved in this effort.

Minutes of the January 13, 2020 meeting were approved.

Treasurer's Report: Craig Robinson presented the 2020 budget which predicts a loss of about \$2600 offset by the fact that the Gala was actually less expensive in December 2019 than budgeted - better than plan by about \$750. Therefore, the projected loss for the year is approximately \$1800 and the balance on Nov 30, 2020 should be about \$26,000.

The annual budget for 2020 was formally approved at the January 2020 board meeting; the Board voted on Feb 10, 2020 to accept Craig's report for the month of January, 2020.

Kristin Cooper Visit: North Carolina's First Lady visited The Bridge Academy on January 24, 2020, an event covered by WRAL and Spectrum News. In addition, the Unit website published a story, with a photo of Pearl Schechter and other members, under the banner "Unit 191 Memories". Thanks to John Schachte and Phylliss Woody, Publicity Co-chairs, for coordinating this event. rev1

March Sectional: Deanna requested that Chris and his committee - Jane, Phylliss, Marian and Mariée – make certain that publicity is widespread, food is plentiful, prizes are on hand, and partnerships chairs are ready. Craig volunteered to conduct an inventory at both venues to begin event planning.

Mini-McKinney and Ace of Clubs Awards: Jane is coordinating this activity to be held at both The Bridge Academy and Triangle Bridge Club on February 20 and 21. Phylliss and John and Chris are going to help with publicity.

Goodwill Award: The recipient should be identified by the March board meeting.

Unit-wide Special Event for Spring: Deanna led an extensive discussion on what to do and when to do it. Pairs? Teams? Singles? June 7 is a tentative date. Paul and Deanna suggested a pairs game would be easier to promote than a team game and therefore would probably result in a larger field.

The thinking now is to make this a low-entry-fee game to maximize participation.

Gala Comments: Mariée offered to research a “catered” event at one of the clubs to see if that’s practical from a space and cost standpoint.

Education Series: Mariée announced the continuation of lectures for the spring as follows:

April 14, Chris Moll

May 12, Lance Shull

June 6, Henry Meguid

A publicity poster is waiting for topic selection.

Nominating Committee: Marian alerted the Board to the fact that since the revised By-laws require nominees be named 3 months prior to the annual meeting, her committee needs to know the date of the annual meeting – the sooner the better.

Meeting adjourned 5:30 p.m.

Next meeting, March 9, 2020 at Triangle Bridge Club, 4:20 p.m.

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