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Minutes of LLI Annual Meeting
Olin Rotunda and Auditorium at Bard College
May 18, 2018

Council Members Present: Linda Bouchey, Eugene Burns, Tom Esposito, Carol Goss, Susan Hirsch, Oliver Johnson, Jill Lundquist, Martha Nickels, Cathy Reinis, Linda Stanley, Anne Sunners, William Tuel, Donna Warner

Council Members Absent: Al Becker, Chuck Mishaan, Jan Wallen

Also Present: 107 additional LLI members

At 9:00 AM a delicious Brunch was provided in the Olin Rotunda and adjacent outdoor area.

At 9:30 AM a slideshow - Faces of LLI, Past and Present - was shown in Olin Auditorium.

Business Meeting

Call to Order: The meeting was called to order at 10:03 AM by Council President Tom Esposito. He explained the annual meeting's new format of a brunch rather than a luncheon. Members agreed that they liked the brunch format, which provided informal mingling with others.

Vote Approval of September 6, 2017 Annual Meeting Minutes: Ward Stanley moved that the minutes be approved. The minutes were approved by a vote of acclamation.

Election Committee Report: E-voting was used for voting. Ollie Johnson reported that Tom Esposito was elected as President, Jan Wallen as 1st Vice President and Susan Hirsch as Treasurer. Chuck Mishaan and Cathy Reinis were elected as Members at Large.

Vote for Approval of the Election Committee Report: The report was approved by a vote of acclamation.

Financial Report: Susan Hirsch, LLI Treasurer, stated that copies of the July 1, 2018- June 30, 2019 budget were provided on the back of the Agenda handout. Susan reported that there were 3 big changes in the budget: 1) the membership fee increased to \$175; 2) a decrease in expenditures – particularly in catering due to elimination of the Wine and Cheese Reception for presenters, the switch from a luncheon to brunch for the annual meeting and less money being spent on the fall luncheon; 3) increased technology expenditures but also a decrease in postage and copying. Susan explained

the budget items and headings. She stressed that the budget is a framework - if a need arises, LLI can dip into the reserve.

Discussion:

- Jon Weschler congratulated Susan on her budget preparation. Jon stressed that it is clear what Bard College does to support LLI. Jon suggested consideration be given to creating an LLI Fund that would allow members to contribute.
- Gus Pedersen questioned the decrease budget amount for AV-IT and asked how the numbers are determined. Susan explained that she asks the Committee Chairs for a dollar amount, and they justify to her what is needed. Once again she stressed if it is determined that the budget amount is not adequate, one should ask for more money.
- Robert Ulrich questioned the elimination of the Wine and Cheese Reception for presenters. Tom Esposito assured Robert that committees and Council are looking for an alternate way to show appreciation to presenters. Robert's concern is that it was a mistake to not provide an alternative this year to recognize presenters.

Motion and seconding: Betsy Tuel moved to approve the proposed budget.

Vote for Approval of Proposed Budget: The budget was approved by a large majority of those present.

Volunteer Recognition: President Tom Esposito stressed that Bard LLI is an all-volunteer program. He briefly stated what each committee does. Then he publicly thanked all the Committee Chairs by name and their committee members for the fine job they all do to make LLI successful. In the December 2017 newsletter LLI volunteers were celebrated. Please see the December 2017 newsletter found on the website at Bardlli.com for a listing of those committees, chairs and committee members recognized by Tom.

President Q/A: Due to time constraints and the fact that there was a significant discussion with questions answered as part of the Treasurer's Report, this segment of the program was eliminated.

This concluded the business meeting at 10:58 AM.

Respectfully submitted,

Linda Bouchey

Secretary

Additional notes

Student Performance: LLI Special Events Chair, Gene Burns, introduced Professor Robert Martin, the Director of Bard Conservatory of Music. After thanking LLI for its contributions to the Conservatory, Martin had the distinct pleasure of introducing the highly acclaimed international musician, Joan Tower, who has attained 46 years of dedication to and teaching at Bard College. Professor Tower presented a program for LLI which included five of her students and herself. Two of the pieces played were compositions created by Joan Tower. A standing ovation followed the performance.

Joan Tower Recognition:

A floral bouquet of fresh cut flowers from around Bard was made by Amy Parella of the horticultural department and was presented to Joan by Tom and Gene. Additionally, floral vases created by Rosalie Rossi were received by Joan. Professor Tower spoke briefly and shared that it is an honor to teach classes for LLI each year.

Each year LLI contributes \$1000 to the Joan Tower Scholarship Fund. President Tom Esposito announced that in honor of Tower's 80th September birthday, for the 2018-2019 school year, LLI will contribute \$3000 to the Scholarship Fund.

Raffle Prizes Awarded:

Special Events committee member, Mary Deady, orchestrated the drawing for the 12 line meal tickets. The big prize raffle of one annual membership fee was won by Susan Wingate.

Gene Burns closed the program with a big thank you to President Tom Esposito for his leadership to Bard LLI.

The meeting ended at 11:47 AM. Members were given a volunteer bookmark when they left the auditorium.

Respectfully submitted by,

Linda Bouchey

Secretary