PROBUS Club of Pickering - Management Meeting May 13, 2015

Present Chuck Simmons Mary Lou Simmons Richard Szpin Joe Sancroft Fran Sancroft Ulf Neidhardt Jackie Teevan Frank Green Melanie Hancock

> Sue Porter Maureen Marguardt

Shirlie Van Putten Absent

The meeting was called to order at 10:00 a.m. with President Chuck Simmons in the Chair. On a motion duly made, seconded and carried, the Minutes of the April meeting were approved.

REPORTS

Treasurer

Jackie Teevan reported the following account balances as of May 11, 2015: General Account: \$6,184.97; Activities Account: \$8,768.20. The Activities account does not show the payables for upcoming events. Jackie was asked to produce a ledger sheet to account for expenditures on these accounts.

Discussion took place regarding a projector/sound system (previously discussed at our January 21st meeting). Sue Porter agreed to provide some cost comparisons.

Richard Szpin outlined his research on purchasing purse-sized first aid kits. Cost for approximately 150 kits would be around \$1.95 each. He is still awaiting confirmation from the Red Cross in Montreal.

Melanie Hancock pointed out the concerns of several members regarding transportation for the Harbour Cruise event on June 30th. On a motion duly made seconded and carried, it was agreed that we should assume the cost of a school bus in the amount of \$329.00.

Newsletter

Mary Lou plans to have the newsletter produced by May 17th. It was suggested that we begin to inform members about the location of our July and August meetings and that a reminder regarding Membership renewals be included.

Membership New membership total is now 149. Fran Sancroft reminded the Committee that from May until October the membership fee drops to \$40.

Speakers

Sue Porter outlined the roster of upcoming speakers.

Social Melanie Hancock updated the Committee on the various planned events.

Discussion ensued regarding surcharges for non-members and it was agreed that this would be up to the social conveners on an event-by-event basis. Any inquiry to a Management Committee member regarding an event should be referred to the Social Committee Co-chairs.

Melanie suggested that we substitute the May Lunch Bunch locale with a lunch at the new Amici's restaurant and that this be put in the newsletter. As a courtesy, Chuck Simmons will advise Nan Walker.

There were very few sign-ups for the Euchre evening in June. Shirlie Van Putten will try again in the fall. There is swift competition from the Ajax group already operating.

Activities Richard Szpin gave a short update on the various clubs.

House Ulf Neidhardt reported that John Catanho will shadow Ulf in the upcoming months with a view to taking over when Ulf is away. Sharon Steacy was not interested.

Other Business: Chuck Simmons proposed that we invite Sharon Milton to both our Management Committee and General meetings in June.

We need to continue to promote the replacement of the present Management team in 2016.

Shirlie Van Putten will continue to pursue the web site issue once the teachers are back in the schools.

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 12:00 noon.