

PROBUS Club of Pickering – Management Meeting March 11, 2015

Present:      Chuck Simmons                      Mary Lou Simmons                      Richard Szpin  
                  Joe Sancroft                              Fran Sancroft                              Ulf Neidhardt  
                  Jackie Teevan                                Shirlie Van Putten                        Melanie Hancock  
                  Maureen Marquardt

Absent:        Frank Green; Sue Porter

The meeting was called to order at 10:05 a.m. with Chuck Simmons in the Chair. On a motion duly made, seconded and carried, the Minutes of the February meeting were approved.

**REPORTS**

**Treasurer**                      Jackie Teevan reported bank account balances as of March 10: General account - \$5,830.81 and Activity account - \$4,316.16. Jackie also reported she had secured new cheques at no charge.

**Newsletter**                      Mary Lou Simmons has asked for submissions to be e-mailed a.s.a.p. to facilitate a publication date for the third week of March.

**Membership**                      Membership co-chair Fran Sancroft had distributed updated lists of members by e-mail. Total membership is now 143. A returning member has paid the initiation fee since she did not renew last fall.

Richard Szpin commented that he discovered several errors for e-mail addresses in contacting members. Discussion took place regarding the fact that responsibility for change of address is with the member. Fran had not had any e-mailed items returned by the server. An announcement about e-mail changes should be made at the March meeting and every meeting thereafter.

**House**                              The matter of a membership “cap” received full discussion. It appears that approximately 2/3 of members attend monthly meetings. The current meeting room has a capacity of 175. It was agreed we should re-visit this matter after the AGM.

**Speakers**                              Chuck Simmons expressed appreciation for Sue Porter’s “roster” of exemplary speakers every month.

**Social**

Melanie Hancock and Shirlee Van Putten reviewed the extensive list of trips and events planned for our membership.

The subject of event charges for non-members was discussed at length and it was moved, seconded and carried that there would be a surcharge for non-members to be determined by the social conveners on an event-by-event basis. However, when longer trips involve hotel stays, a member may bring a friend at the member price in order to avoid the single supplement charge.

Shirlee recounted the results of her meeting regarding solo travelers. It was agreed that it is the member's responsibility to find their own travel companion.

The Management Committee also discussed the possibility of using "Square" in the future for event payments.

**Activities**

Richard Szpin announced he had arranged two full classes for CPR in April. This program may be offered again in the fall. It was agreed that since this program offering began prior to our decision on surcharges, there would be none. As well, there would be no refunds as per our policy on this matter.

The new Scrabble Club had its first meeting with 10 attendees. Shirlee Van Putten announced she would convene a Euchre club.

Discussion took place regarding the position of "New" Club Development Officer. There had been a misunderstanding of the title. Richard decided he could not take this on. However, it was agreed that the President would do some research regarding an "ad" in the Parks and Recreation Directory and we would discuss again at our April meeting.

**Other Business**

March is PROBUS month. Melanie and Shirlee offered to provide savories and cake for the March general meeting. This is much appreciated.

Web site: Shirlee is to make inquiries with a college student vis-à-vis community service commitments.

Maureen Marquardt distributed copies of the General Liability Insurance certificate.

There being no further business, the meeting was declared adjourned at 11:45 a.m.