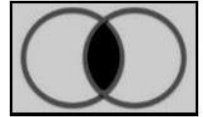




Polaroid Retirees Association

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Minutes of Board of Directors' ZOOM Meeting, October 12, 2021

Attendees: Arthur Aznavorian, David Bayer, Nino DiIanni, John Flynn, Elizabeth Foote, Don Foster Touie Jackson, Erika Kliem, Paul Lubin, Mary McCann, George Murray, Bill Rosen, and Ruth Scanlan

Absent: Dan Dajie, Maryann Hall, Erika Kliem, and Robert Ruckstuhl,

Call to Order: The meeting was called to order at 10:00 by President John Flynn.

Old Business:

Secretary's report: the secretary's report of the September BOD meeting had been emailed to the board, and the report was accepted.

1265 Main Street: Don Foster reported that he has made a preliminary Project Plan for continuing the project. He is eager to get in touch with the 1265 Site managers, Rick Vallerelli and Steve Cucinatti. He plans to inquire about their interest in continuing the project at this time. George or Elizabeth have forwarded Kathy McMenimen's personal email address to Don, along with the email addresses of Rick and Steve.

Don suggested that if a website is to be developed, an inexpensive development route might be through web-graphics classes at local high schools.

New Business:

Membership Notes: John Flynn relayed Bob Ruckstuhl's report that there was no change in the membership for the month.

Treasurer's Report: Nino DiIanni circulated his report by email on October 7. The September monthly expenses were:

Flowers	\$143
Clocks	\$245
Bulletin Boards	\$102
Domain Regs.	\$ 40
Zoom Renewal	\$125
Total	\$655

The available cash balance at the end of September is \$27,117.

The Forecast reflected cancelling of the October luncheon. There is no impact to our cash flow as the luncheon was to be fully funded by the Credit Union.

The Annual Report to the State for 2021 was issued in September..

I am still including funding for the December luncheon in the Forecast (\$1,300).

Dan Cenci has been reimbursed \$40 for paying for the domain name for two years.

* *George Murray has contacted Dan to ask if he would be interested in joining the board.*

Condolences: Maryann reported that three PRA members passed away in the period September 14 to October 12th:

Larry Chelmow, of Canton who served as a PRA Board member 2018 through 2020, Harry G. Laird, III, of West Yarmouth, and John Sturgis of Tolland CT.

Newsletter: Elizabeth Foote reported that Mary McCann has volunteered to be Newsletter Editor, starting in June. Mary hopes to concentrate on writing and recruiting articles describing Polaroid's people, products and history. She is eager to work with contributors who have a Polaroid story but may not be comfortable in writing it. She hopes to include items that draw attention to the PRA website and encourage interaction with the website.

At present, Maryann will continue writing condolences, Elizabeth and Bill will produce the layout for publishing, and Bob Ruckstuhl will continue his support with data for the printer. We look forward to seeing Erika's photos of future celebrations.

Ruth Scanlan reported that the first survey asking members if they would prefer to receive an electronic version of the newsletter formatted for cell phone received ten requests – and board members were not among them. She encouraged BOD members to email praemail@comcast.net to receive a newsletter formatted for phones.

Ruth made the point that electronic versions save money, and paper and space. One way to encourage electronic transmission might be to offer reduced membership fees for members receiving their newsletter by email. Bill Rosen made the point that a pdf of every newsletter is posted on the polaroidretirees.org website, so that the Newsletter can be printed at home.

Holiday Party and Retirement Presentations: George has obtained the clock and PRA president John Flynn plans to present it to Eric at the December Holiday Party. Most board members expressed interest in attending an in-person Holiday Party for current and retired Board members and their significant others. On-line connection could be established for those members who might be unable to be there in person, but vaccination is a must for those who attend. A motion was made, seconded and unanimously approved that we hold an in-person holiday luncheon.

**David Bayer has contacted the Chateau and learned that the Chateau asks for a minimum of twenty to provide a private room. David asked that members respond their intentions by Tuesday Oct 19 so that he can meet the Chateau's requirements. As reported on 10/28, twenty nine people are expected.*

EHL Stamp: Paul Lubin reported that he has been notified that Land Stamp will be discussed at the next meeting, but was not informed when the next meeting will be

held. He was pleasantly surprised, as he had been informed that it often takes months for a stamp suggestion to be discussed.

The meeting was adjourned at 11:30AM

* Notes in italics refer to related information added after the meeting.

Next Zoom Board Meeting: November 9

In Person Holiday Party & Awarding of Retirement Clock: December14