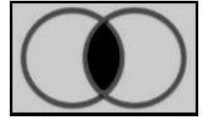


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Minutes - Board of Directors' ZOOM Meeting, November 9, 2021

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

Absent: Erika Kliem and Ruth Scanlan

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

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

Treasurer's Report: Nino DiIani had circulated his Treasurer's report to the board prior to the meeting. A motion was made and accepted to accept his report. Discussion followed concerning his suggested items of interest. The P&L statement is included at the end of the minutes.

The October monthly expenses/income were as follows:

Postage	\$ 509
Newsletter	\$1,271
Other	\$ 40
Total	\$1,820
Dues	\$ 646.

The available cash balance at the end of October is \$25,952.

I would like to start the discussion on the 2022 BUDGET. The main items are as follows:

- Dues
- Newsletter/Digital
- Meal Subsidy (October)
- Misc Expenses
 - Holiday Luncheon
 - 35th Anniversary
 - Monthly Board Meetings
 - New Projects(1265 Site)
- Membership Expenses.

The following are summaries of the discussions initiated because of their effect on the budget. Some will also be addressed later in the meeting.

Dues: A Dues Moratorium had been instituted for the year 2021, but regular dues will be expected for 2022. Notices have gone out to the 45 members who are 2 years in arrears that they will be dropped from the roster in 2022 if their dues are not paid. Bob expects that approximately 1/3 of the recipients

will resume payment, but we will lose about 30 members, and will also lose about 30 more deceased members.

Newsletter: A question about how Newsletter costs would be affected by the number of people who elect to go digital, is unresolved. Currently it is expected that newsletter costs will not be significantly reduced, and the Budget should include costs for the 4 newsletters per year. (\$7000 budgeted for Newsletter next year, to roughly 1000 members.)

Meal Subsidy (October Luncheon): Meal charges are expected to go up by 25%, and the luncheon must be moved to a new location, as the Lantana has closed. It is hoped that the Credit Union would continue its sponsorship of the October meeting.

35th Anniversary: The PRA 35th Anniversary had passed during our Covid shutdown, but we would hope to celebrate for some anniversary when it is possible to safely get together again. We expect to be able to have a regular luncheon in May, but decided to postpone any anniversary celebration until some time after that.

Monthly board meetings: The in-person board meetings have an effect on the budget, as we must pay for our meeting room and food/pastries at the Chateau. A motion was made and passed to continue with ZOOM meetings through 2022. We may reconsider in-person vs. ZOOM meetings a later date, and perhaps have one meeting a quarter in person.

New Projects - 1265 Site Status: This was a question as to whether there would be any expenses for the project to commemorate the work accomplished at the site of the Polaroid buildings at 1265 Main Street in Waltham. It was decided that there would probably be no expenses to be budgeted in the near future.

Old Business continued:

Holiday Luncheon Status: David Bayer reported that there are currently 31 reservations for luncheon at the Chateau on Tuesday December 14th. He needs to have attendees' meal selections by the 30th of November. He has sent out the list of meal choices.

1265 Main Street Status: Don Foster expects to reestablish communication with Kathy McMenimen of the Waltham City Council and the representatives of the developers of the commercial now built on the site. He will report after contact is made.

Electronic Newsletter Status: Ruth Scanlan had suggested at previous BOD meetings that electronic communication of the newsletter to members would be beneficial both for reducing costs for printing and mailing the Newsletter, and for reducing the environmental impact of our communications. An announcement was featured in the Sept – Dec Newsletter asking if PRA members would like to receive their Newsletter electronically. Ruth Scanlan was unable to be at the BOD meeting, but wrote that 26 people had responded to the printed inquiry in the newsletter, and about twenty more have later requested to receive their Newsletter by email.

Bob Ruckstuhl reported that he has been coordinating with Ruth on the requests by people who have signed up for the electronic version as they have been coming in gradually.

Bill Rosen reported that he has put the fourth quarter Newsletter as a pdf on the Polaroid retirees website. (Many years of Newsletters can be viewed there.)

(Mary asked Bill if he could report the monthly number of "hits" each month to see if there is an increase as an electronic Newsletter issue is advertised.)

Newsletter: Elizabeth reported that she had received comments on articles from Linda Melnik, and has other articles for the next issue.

Planning Cycle: - May Luncheon!!! George Murray reminded us that the May luncheon is only six months away, and the Lantana will no longer be available to us. Preparation – and search for a new venue has to start now!* Members reported on difficulties on finding new venues. We are all urged (not just encouraged) to investigate places that might have sufficient capacity and parking to host a luncheon crowd of -- with adequate parking for most members.

For your convenience, a map showing the distribution of PRA members is included at the end of the minutes. Bob Ruckstuhl had generated it from the membership list back in December of 2018.

Some of the places that were mentioned were
Lombardo's in Randolph,
Moseleys on the Charles in Dedham,
Doubletree Suites on Winter Street in Waltham,
Portugese club in Milford,
Rachel's Lakeside near Touie,

** in the week between the Board meeting and publication of the minutes, David has been in contact with Lantana, and secured the date of Thursday May 19th 2022.*

Condolences: Maryann reported the deaths of two PRA members since our last meeting: Thomas J. Connolly of Roslindale, and Mary Duggan Green of Largo Fla. Their obituaries are posted on the PRA website.

EHL Stamp: Paul Lubin reported that he had received no new information since hearing that his request for consideration of an EHL stamp would be heard.

Membership Report

New Member Nomination: Two Board Members have recently resigned from the BOD because of health issues. George Murray nominated Dan Cence to fill one vacancy. Dan will take the place of Ed Wade who has one year to go on his first three term on the board. This means that Dan will serve on the board one year, and then stand for election for the first of his three eligible three-year terms. A motion to appoint Dan Cence to join the board was made and passed unanimously.

*John Flynn has been in touch with Dan and invited him to the BOD Lunch with Alumni on December 14

* *Actions in italics have occurred after the last board meeting*

BOD Lunch with Alumni, December 14, 2021, 11:30 at the Chateau

Zoom Board Meetings: (any in December??)

2022: Jan 11, February 8, March 8, April 12, May 10, June 14 10:00AM

