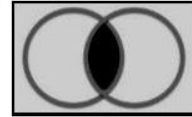


## Polaroid Retirees Association

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Mary McCann, Secretary

### ***Minutes of Board of Directors' ZOOM Meeting, January 12, 2021***

**Attendees:** Arthur Aznavorian, Nino Dilanni, John Flynn, Elizabeth Foote, Mary Ann Hall, Johnnie Haywood, Touie Jackson, Eva Karger, Erika Kliem, Mary McCann, George Murray, Bill Rosen, Robert Ruckstuhl, Eric Thorgerson, and Ed Wade

**Absent:** Johnnie Hayward, and Jim Micheson

**Call to Order:** The meeting was called to order at 10:00 by John Flynn, with Ed Wade on camera, but without sound communication.

#### **New Business –**

**The Rolling Calendar-** The rolling Calendar had been circulated by John Flynn, and was accepted by the board. It was noted that the February meeting was cancelled, (although later in board meeting was reinstated.)

George Murray volunteered to take care of ordering clocks for retiring board members as noted in the Task List for April.

**Secretary's Report:** Mary McCann had circulated the minutes of the December meeting by email. The minutes were accepted by the board with the provision that the minutes be sent again, as some members did not receive a corrected draft sent on January 6th.

#### **Treasurer's Report:**

Nino Dilanni reported the following by email prior to the meeting:

The December 2020 report will review the following:

Current month of December 2020

Interest Income of \$54.00

Membership Expense of \$592.00

2020 Total Year:

Changes from budget:

Net Income favorable by \$4,297.00 due to subsidy for October luncheon \$2,500.00 and no Christmas luncheon or breakfasts for a total of \$1,897.00

The year-end cash balance is increased by \$2,197.00 from budget.

This will result in starting the year 2021 with a balance of \$31,516.00.

Nino expects that the balance will be down to approximately \$20,000 by the end of 2021.

**Sutton Fund:**

Arthur made the point that the Sutton fund is a restricted fund, and as such, its principal cannot be used to cover operating expenses, (although the interest earned from it can be used.) He also pointed out that votes for special purposes require the approval of 80% of the board, and written notice be given to Board Members at least two weeks prior to the vote.

**Committee Reports:**

**Nominating Committee:**

By the end of February the president will select a nominating committee of three members of the board. Arthur reports that the committee will nominate candidates for the offices of President, Vice President, Secretary, and Treasurer.

The nominating committee membership can include present board office holders, and the committee may nominate any member of the board, including those on the nominating committee, for an office. While it is not written in the by-laws, the office of membership committee chair has also been voted on by the board. There will be no action at this time to write voting on the membership chair into the by-laws.

*From Article VI By-Laws:*

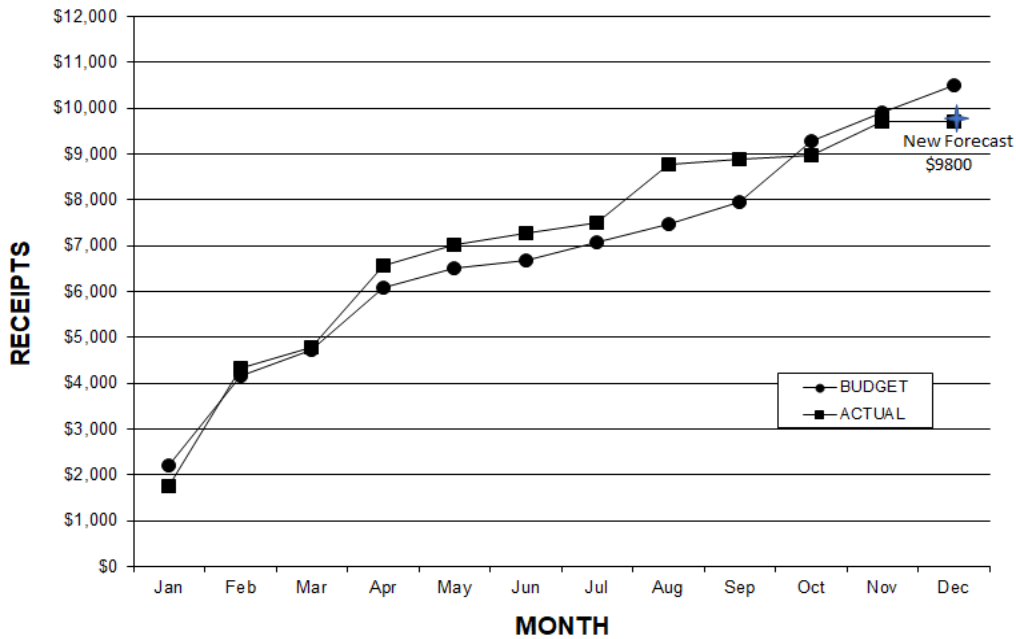
Section 2. The chairmen of the Membership and Finance committees shall be nominated by the Board of Directors and elected by a plurality of the Board as taken by a secret ballot. Section 3. All other committee chairmen shall be appointed by the President and shall report to him.

While it doesn't say WHEN the vote is to be taken, we've done it in June along with officers.

**Membership:** Bob Ruckstuhl reported that 46 members were dropped from the active membership list because of non-payment of dues. Only 7 people responded to the note sent with the newsletter, informing them of being dropped from the membership rolls. There are currently 1018 members, and only 75% are dues paying members.

**Attached is the graph of dues receipts vs. Budget for the year 2020. Actual receipts for the year were \$9708**

**2020 ACTUAL vs BUDGET DUES RECEIPTS (Cumulative)**



**Condolences;**

Maryann Hall had only one PRA name to add to condolences this month: Herbert Snyder of Sharon Mass. She continues to add names of all deceased Polaroid employees to the list on the website.

**Audit Committee:**

David Bayer reported that an audit once the books are closed in the new year, he will be in contact with Nino to do the audit before the annual meeting. Bob asked if he should send his receipts for membership committee expenses to Nino, but it is sufficient for Bob to keep his receipts for a couple of years.

**Luncheon Committee:**

No new Business. We are still on the books at Lantana for fall Luncheon, but this can be cancelled with three weeks notice.

**Website:**

As webmaster, Bill Rosen will work with Ed Wade to see what can be done about connectivity of sound on Ed's computer.

Bill Rosen also reported that the website had the following number of hits for the past two years:

We had 13562 hits, an average of 37 per day for the year 2019

We had 16180 hits, an average of 44 per day for the year 2020.

**Newsletter:**

Elizabeth and most Board members reported that the First Quarter 2021 Newsletter arrived on our doorsteps Saturday Jan 8<sup>th</sup> and Monday Jan 10<sup>th</sup>.

### **Saving the PRA - Future/Pandemic Affect?**

In an email prior to the board meeting, (on January 5<sup>th</sup>), Elizabeth raised the question asking board members to consider the effects of the pandemic on the PRA, with the goal of asking how the PRA board might stimulate interaction with the membership. During our meeting, Maryann described to the board the some of the steps that an organization in Randolph has taken to involve people living alone in that community.

Discussion on the topic was very limited. It was suggested that we reinstate the plan to meet in February, with the purpose of discussing this more thoroughly. While no vote was taken, there was general agreement. Consequently the February meeting date is included below.

*STILL To BE FINISHED -- It would be helpful if members of the board would consider----and communicate before the next board meeting - their ideas about how to involve/help the PRA members in some activity or communication that could help alleviate the stress of the isolation caused by this pandemic this could involve either the Newsletter or the Website.*

Time considerations did not allow thorough discussion of this topic, and for that reason, it was decided to have a BOD meeting on the usual day, February 9<sup>th</sup>.

### **PRA Chapters Formal Liaison, any/who/to what:**

There are currently no chapters other than the PRA here in the greater Boston area. There may have been a group at the Vale of Leven, and Mary had learned from early PRA minutes that there had been a chapter in Florida in the 1990's. However, there has been no mention of either group in recent years. Touie mentioned that he is in contact with two other Polaroid groups: an Industrial Sales group and Mike Suvall's Customer Care group. He did not elaborate on the communications within those groups. Erica mentioned a Polaroid group within Facebook where she sees an occasional posting.

*Touie Jackson subsequently sent an informative email to the whole board with information on Polaroid groups on facebook. (Thursday Jan 14, 2021, 9:08:44) A copy of that email will be included with January secretary's report in the archive of secretaries' reports. (1)*

(1), Reports in the minutes of any board business, reports or actions which occurred after the board meeting, but are a continuation of a discussed issue, are written in italics.

**Adjournment** A motion was made, seconded, and approved unanimously to adjourn at 11:35AM.

Respectfully submitted by Mary McCann

**Future Meeting Dates February 9<sup>th</sup>, March 9<sup>th</sup> April 13<sup>th</sup> May 11<sup>th</sup>**

**DIRECTORS: ALL ON 10:00AM – 11:30AM**

**MEMBERS LUNCHEONS: none scheduled**