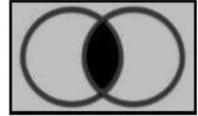


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Minutes of Board of Directors' ZOOM Meeting, August 12, 2021

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

Absent: Dan Dajie, Elizabeth Foote, and Ed Wade

Call to Order: The meeting was called to order at 10:00 by President John Flynn. He welcomed a prospective new board member, Don Foster to the meeting.

Secretary's report: the secretary's report of the July 13 BOD meeting had been emailed to the board on July 17th, and the report was accepted as mailed.

Treasurer's Report: Nino DiIanni had circulated by email his July 2021 Financial Report. It was accepted as mailed and is copied below:

The financial activity for the month of July, 2021 was as follows:

Interest income	\$9	
Dues	\$330	
Newsletter & postage		\$1,760.

The available cash balance at the end of July was \$27,651.

I was informed that the Clocks for the outgoing Board members are being purchased at a cost of \$600. The expense for the clocks is budgeted in the Administrative account.

The estimated expense for the luncheon prior to the October luncheon, is as follows:

Room rental	\$100
Luncheon	
(15x\$30)	\$450
Bar (15x\$10)	\$ 90
Total	\$790.

(Note, George Murray reported that the clocks are back ordered, with only monthly updates on availability. A replacement clock with the identical engraved space has not been found, and the next retiring director would prefer not to receive one.) He has indicated that the cost will be less than the amount set aside.

Membership: Bob indicated that membership correspondence was slow. Reservations for luncheon are at 101 people with 7 or 8 guests. There was a surge after the newsletter mailing but has fallen recently. Discussion about the luncheon was held later in the meeting.

Condolences: Maryann Hall circulated a list of the month's deceased PRA members: James "Dumpa" DeWolfe, Lawrence "Larry" J. Grella, Jr., John Pasioka, Maria P. Cappucci, Robert W. Bessette, Ronald T. Seely and James J. Kilroy Jr., "Jim", who was a 3-year president of the PRA board. Maryann also included copies of two thank you notes sent to her from families of recently deceased members.

October Luncheon: Concerns about the rising rates of Covid infections have led to questions about whether to cancel the October luncheon. The deadline for notification of a cancellation to be printed in the Newsletter is mid-September. However we might want to make a decision about cancellation earlier. *Bill Rosen will send the board members invitations to a Zoom call to decide about cancellation.* If we decide to cancel, those PRA members who have already registered will be notified, and any checks they may have sent will be returned. (Bob noted that email is not an effective way to notify members. Responses to email notifications have been low, from only about 20% of the members notified.)

Subsequent to the BOD meeting, an email conversation about a Zoom meeting to discuss cancellation of the Luncheon prompted emails from fourteen board members. Between August 15 and August 18, all of the board members who wrote voted to cancel the October Luncheon. They cited the uncertainty of the rising number of Covid cases, and the hope that we could hold one in the spring.

Bob Ruckstuhl recommended a Front Page notice in the Q4 Newsletter. In addition an email blast to the entire membership, stating the cancellation could be done. Alternatively, a smaller email list can be generated to those who were planning on coming and have sent in registrations.

1265 Project: George Murray provided a PDF of the Genesis of the 1265 Main Street Project and a fact sheet about Polaroid's industrial activities at the 1265 Main Street and Reservoir sites that came from a 50th Anniversary publication. The PDF was sent to the board members during the meeting and is appended to this email for easy reference.

George made the point that the 1265 project encompasses many items on the planning cycle. He asked that if possible, we take the time to visit the 1265 site, and come to the next BOD meeting with our thoughts about how or whether we might proceed with this project.

EHL Stamp: Paul Lubin had written a letter to the Citizen's Stamp Advisory Committee proposing that a stamp be issued commemorating the life and accomplishments of Edwin h. Land, 5/7/1909-3/2/1991. Paul asked that the BOD approve his letter and his signing his name as a Director of the PRA. All of the directors present at the board meeting approved his use of the title, Director, and he was given permission to send the letter as presented. Paul's letter is also appended.

New Member Motion: The resignation of Johnnie Haywood has left a vacancy on the board of directors. Paul Lubin offered a motion to approve the John Flynn's appointment of Don Foster to fill the remainder of Johnnie's term. The motion was

accepted unanimously. At the end of that term Don would then be able to serve three three-year terms.

New Business: The Newsletter is currently sent to members via U.S. Mail, and is later posted on the polaroidretirees.org website. Ruth Scanlan described the concept of having the Newsletter available via email to those members who might prefer to receive it on their home computer or via cell phone, such as published by current news outlets. She proposed a description of the concept with a short example, and a request for feedback in the next Newsletter.

Don Foster noted that he is involved with the newsletter from his high school alma mater, with members of about the same vintage, and said that about 50% have elected to receive their publications electronically

Next Meetings: Zoom Board Meetings August 9, September 14, October 12

Luncheon Committee: Zoom every 2 weeks until Luncheon, time/day TBD