

Belton Board Minutes

November 29, 2023

Attending: Norman Duttweiler, Susan Elkin, Alison Mann, Kathy Clark, Julie Reiser, Peter Goodman, Susan Michelson

Guests: Cliff Denton, Marian Ford

Norman called the meeting to order at 3:33pm.

Minutes of the October Board meeting were approved.

Treasurer's Report: Kathy reviewed monies in the savings and checking accounts. Taxes (\$2200) and insurance payments (\$2500.) will be due soon. Financial information is available on Belton's Bulletin Board. Peter moved and Susan M. seconded to approve the financial report. Motion passed.

OLD BUSINESS:

Bridge Tournament Results: The tournament made \$2200., which was \$200. less than last year, but fewer people attended. Kathy did an amazing job of coordinating all the food and clean-up, and the Board thanked her for her outstanding efforts. Norman said that two people should be in charge of food and cleanup, so that one person could split the responsibilities and have time to play bridge in the tournament. In order to provide funds for the Club, a Fall and Spring tournament will probably be needed.

After the tournament, some people came down with Covid. It was felt that those who went to the Taos tournament and then played Belton's tournament, might have been the carriers.

Thursday game: Julie reported that there were three students in the 99er game so one table was being played. Dave wants to continue it with hopes it will get bigger.

New Directors: Hector Escarpita is working his way through the Director's material.

Holiday Party: The Holiday Party is scheduled for Dec.9th with the annual meeting occurring after lunch and before bridge. **Action: Norman to send an email announcing the holiday event and asking people to bring sides. Norman will provide a turkey and Kathy will bring a ham.** The Board discussed the player and volunteer of the year which will be announced at the party. Special tribute materials are being ordered.

Annual Membership Meeting: Norman thanked the Board members who will be retiring in December: Julie, Peter and Susan M. The nominating committee will present the nominations for the new Board at the annual Membership meeting following the luncheon at the Holiday Party. The nominees are: Marian Ford, Sue Brown and Penny Salome. Nominations will also be taken from the floor. Officers of the Board will be decided at the first Board meeting in January.

NEW BUSINESS:

Group Request: Susan M. requested that the Bridge Center host a National Alliance for the Mentally Ill (NAMI) support group on the 2nd and 4th Wednesdays of the month from 6:30-8pm. The group is lead by two Bridge members, Cliff Denton and Susan Michelson. Moved by Alison, seconded by Peter to provide

space at Belton for the NAMI group on the specified days and times with the understanding that the bridge members will make sure that the area is picked up and lights are out and door is locked. No fee will be collected. Motion passed.

Maintenance Tasks: Dave Gose sent an update to the operations manual for maintaining varied systems withing the Belton building. But the Board needs to plan ahead for maintenance since Dave cannot keep doing the tasks. Kathy suggested that we find a maintenance person who could be hired with a small monthly retainer and who then could be paid hourly when a particular task needed to be done. Dave will review all systems with the selected person. Moved by Susan E. and seconded by Peter to investigate available people to do the tasks. Motion passed. **Action: Alison will call a maintenance person she knows to see if he is interested. If not, other Board members have suggestions for people as well.**

Increase in Rent of Tables to Directors: Norman to talk to Dave and Rob about increasing the cost of table rental by \$1.00 /table. It is expected the Directors will then choose to ask for a fee increase for players probably to \$7.00 /player, which is what players paid before Covid. Board agreed.

Next Meeting: Will be in January with new Board.

Adjournment: Meeting was adjourned at 4:20pm

Respectfully submitted,

Alison Mann