

## Belton Bridge Center Board Minutes

Date: March 27, 2023

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

Absent: Susan Elkins, Ron Francey

Guests: Joan Anthony and Mary Zagariello

Norman called the meeting to order at 3:50pm. Moved by Kathy Clark and seconded by Susan M. to approve the February, 2023 minutes. Motion passed.

Treasurer's Report-Kathy presented a profit and loss statement, a balance sheet and a breakdown of current monthly and annual expenses and monthly and annual income. Moved by Susan M. and seconded by Alison to approve the Treasurer's report. Motion passed.

Cleaning Lady- The cleaning lady for Belton cleans 1 ½ hours weekly and she is paid \$35./week. She is reliable and has been the cleaning lady for years without an increase in her pay. Moved by Peter and seconded by Susan M. to increase cleaning lady's pay to \$180./month which is \$45./week. Motion carried. **Action: Kathy will inform cleaning lady of salary increase.**

Outreach and Classes- Norman showed the Board a mock up for a poster he created "Learn Duplicate Bridge" which was geared to Seniors, Retired people and Adults. They will be printed in 11x 17 inch size. Classes will start June 3, 2023. Suggestions for where the posters should be shown were Munson Center, Aquatic Center, Sonoma Ranch Golf Course (Alison), Red Hawk Golf Course(Susan M), Good Samaritan (Chris and William Little), Senior Circle. The Board asked that a second poster be created to attract college students. **Action: Norman will create a second poster geared to a younger audience. Peter will distribute at NMSU.**

Other venues for advertising the classes were suggested. Action: **Alison will write an article for the paper. Peter will feature a duplicate bridge player on his radio show.** There was a discussion about an advertisement in the Bulletin or Sun News. When the bridge club offered Learn Bridge in a Day and it was advertised in the Bulletin, about 100 people responded. **Norman to check out costs of advertisements.**

Unit Games and weekly games- Could the unit games be increased to two Sundays a month? Would Dave and/or Rob want to direct another unit game? There is a concern that the club is being split without much interaction between the advanced players and more novice players. Concerns were expressed about how welcoming the advanced players are to less skilled players. Could we do a Unit game that paired mentors with newer players? **Action: Norman to talk with the Wednesday and Friday players.**

Spring Tournament- Linda Spengler will direct the Spring Tournament on April 22 and April 23. Do we need someone to collect the money or will Linda do that? Do we need a greeter at the door to welcome people? Have we heard from El Paso people? Discussion about refreshments: Sat. we can ask people to bring breakfast food, and provide afternoon snacks. On Sunday, we usually have brought in sandwiches, pizza, fried chicken etc. People need to sign up for specific categories. **Action: Kathy will make up sign up sheets with food categories outlined for people to sign .**

Inventory of kitchen items- Kathy did an inventory of kitchen supplies, and has a count sheet and has labeled the shelves so that when we need to add a kitchen supply, ex. Coffee, Alison will be able to buy it for the club. **RESOLVED.**

Memorial Plaques- There is only one place left on the current memorial plaque. **Action: Norman will order another Memorial plaque from Las Cruces Trophy.**

Unit Game in April- The unit game in April falls on Easter. That game will be canceled or postponed.

**Meeting adjourned at 5:00pm.**

Respectfully submitted,

Alison Mann