

**Cornell Club of Rochester
Quarterly BOD Meeting
March 19, 2018**

7:00 PM Welcome and Call to Order – Rich Black

Attending: Mason Argiropoulos, Bob Attardo, Rich Black, Cara Cardinale, Chris Cassidy, Sharon Cassidy, Beverly Evans, Tom Helfrich, Mindy Hillenbrand, Lois Irwin, Mark Jones, Lin Stewart, Rich Stewart.

7:05 PM Treasurer's Report – Mark Jones

Closing balance as of 3/19/18: \$9,308.19.

Hockey game and RPO event have been submitted but not yet reconciled.

Mark is recreating template after computer crash, asked someone to send budget spreadsheet.

- Scholarship Update

Kerri Kiniorski expected the amount to be less than the \$8,500 we were going to budget. There was a mysterious fifth fund that was supplying the cash for the scholarships. We were just going to let it run down. We can go with \$8,500 for this year.

- Resignation of Kerri Kiniorski – see attached email

Looking for volunteer to take over for Kerri. Cara may have a friend who is interested. A write up of the position would be useful. Committee screens applicants for scholarships.

*** Rich B will ask Kerri Kiniorski to write up duties of Scholarship Chair and distribute to Board.*

7:15 PM Cornell University Updates – Mindy Hillenbrand

- *Tomorrow is Giving Day. Website has lots of challenge opportunities.*
- *CU Volunteer is a place to post openings for volunteer opportunities.*
- *Jim Mazza is retiring this year.*
- *For faculty speakers CU is looking at webinars so clubs can live stream an event with a local moderator.*
- *Lin feels that Founder's Day should have a live speaker.*

- *Mindy wants to be informed if we approach a professor directly.*
- *CALC - no dates or venue yet.*
- *Mindy appreciates attendance forms from events.*

7:30 PM Essay Contest – see attached email

Received 150 essays this year (used to get over 400 essays). Winners will be selected in April.

Nancy Beaman will be stepping down after this year.

*** Lois will contact Writers and Books about reading essays.*

7:35 PM Board Meeting Attendance – Bob Attardo

- *Questions were raised about our attendance.*
- *Bylaws have a provision on attendance. Article 3 Section 5: A Board member who misses 3 consecutive meetings without a valid excuse is assumed to have resigned.*
- *Bob believes that rules are good but there is flexibility in the application of the rule, especially if a Director is contributing to the club but not attending.*
- *There are a number of provisions with which we do not comply, like the number of At Large Directors, classes of Directors, consecutive terms (previous President served for three terms instead of two).*
- *We can discuss enforcing versus amending bylaws (last update 9 years ago).*
- *Mindy has examples of bylaws for clubs that went from dues to dues free.*
- *Social Media chair needs to be contacted to see if he is interested in continuing.*
- *We have been operating with a quorum for about the last two years.*

7:45 PM Programs Update – Bob Attardo, VP – Programming

Events have generally been successful.

- Cornell Cares at Mary's Place (Rich Black)
- Founder's Day (Lois Irwin)
- Hockey Game (Rich Stewart)
- RPO Night (see separate document from Beverly Evans)

- Accepted Students Reception (Cara Cardinale)
April 10 Oak Hill 7-9 pm. \$10 for alumni, free for students.
- Slope Day Social Hour (Bob Attardo)
May 10 Next Door in Pittsford 5:30 – 7:30
- Canandaigua Wine & Culinary (Bob Attardo)
- Annual Meeting (Bob Attardo)
*Combine with Canandaigua Wine & Culinary Center. It would cost \$35-\$50.
Or Century Liquor wine tasting room. Will do it.*
- Seabreeze Family Event (Bob Attardo)
 - *Tickets regularly \$35, we can get \$10 discount. Need to purchase at least 15 tickets to get discount.*
 - *No focal point. We could try to add on a focal point by renting a pavilion for lunch. Need to purchase at least 25 tickets to reserve pavilion at cost of \$145. We can provide food or tell people to bring. Seabreeze provides box lunch (burger/veggie burger/hot dog and chips) for \$7 per person or buffet for \$11.75 per person.*
 - *Need to determine rainout policy for park tickets and/or pavilion.*

7:55 PM CAAAN Update – Cara Cardinale

Tried group sessions at schools during school day (captive audience): Penfield member at Penfield HS. Cara, Chris and Sharon at McQuaid and Mercy. Cara at Harley, Allendale and others. Contacted two-thirds of applicants, which is higher than usual. Very successful.

8:00 PM Conclusion and Adjournment – Rich Black

Adjourned at 8:07 pm

Action Items

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*** Lois will contact Writers and Books about members reading essays for the Essay Contest.*

From: Nancy Beaman <Nancy.Beaman@greececsd.org>

Date: March 19, 2018 11:23:59 AM

To: Rich Black <richblack52@me.com>

Subject: RE: B.O.D. Meeting on 3/19/18

Rich,

I am not able to attend tonight's meeting but here is some info on the Cornell Essay Contest. There were over 150 essays received and the Finalists, Semi-Finalists, and Honorable Mentions will be ready come April.

For the past several months I have been battling health issues and have had to give up a lot of outside activities other than work. Unfortunately I will not be able to coordinate the Cornell Essay Contest after the end of this school year. It has been something I have enjoyed and I am amazed at the talented writers that are in our community. When a new chairperson is selected I would be happy to share with him or her what I have been doing and what is necessary to do the job.

I hope to see you in June at the annual meeting. If you have any questions about the contest just let me know.

Nancy

From: Kerri Kiniorski <kkiniors@rochester.rr.com>

Date: March 18, 2018 3:15:31 PM

To: 'Rich Black' <richblack52@me.com>

Subject: RE: B.O.D. Meeting on 3/19/18

Hi Rich-

Given how much trouble I've had managing my time this past year, I'd like to see if there's someone willing to take on the scholarship committee. My husband has been traveling a significant amount for work, so I've had a hard time juggling home responsibilities.

Best,

Kerri