

## LANGARA COLLEGE RETIREES STEERING COMMITTEE MEETING MINUTES

June 25, 2018  
1100 – 1230, Room A253

### Attendees:

Martin Gerson (chair)	Roy Sinn
Dave Lidstone	Ken Jillings
Gail Bremer	Moira Gookstretter
Yvonne O'hara	

### Regrets:

Mel Fearman	Shannon Eeckhout
Shannon Redmond	Dawn Palmer

The meeting was called to order at 1105.

### 1. Approval of the agenda

### 2. Approval of the May 3<sup>rd</sup>, 2018 minutes

- Dave asked that the following statement “*Dave reported that the SFU retirees was a book that was published on the SFU history based on oral reports*” be changed to read: Dave reported that the SFU Retiree’s Association produced and published a volume on the Oral History of SFU.
- **Action:** Shannon to make the correction in the May 3<sup>rd</sup> minutes.

### 3. Business Arising

#### a. Events

#### i. President’s Retirees Luncheon report

- Gail thanked the committee for allowing her to represent the group at the luncheon. In her speech to the 12 new retirees, Gail outlined the purpose and advantages of joining the Langara retiree group and encouraged each person to become a member. To facilitate the membership process the stay connected cards were given to each new retiree. At the May 23<sup>rd</sup> golf course two new retirees did attend.
- Dave asked if employees from Continuing Studies get recognized at events such as the President’s Retirees luncheon. The CS administrators belong to LCCA and the office staff belong to CUPE so they are probably included. The contract instructors probably are not included. **Action:** Ken to ask Dawn which CS employees are eligible to join our retirees group.

#### ii. Geezer’s Gala as reported by Dave Lidstone

- The Gala will occur on October 26<sup>th</sup>, 2018. The format for the event will basically be the same as last year.
- Tickets will be the same price as last year, \$20.00. If we use the ticketing agency Tickets Tonight there is a surcharge of \$3.75. No decision was reached re using this service.

- Advertisement – Roy, Yvonne and Gail volunteered to help with the advertising. If we want assistance from the Communications department and our rep, Lisa Tuyen they need 6 weeks’ notice. Moira suggested it would be good if we could have a digital ad on all the campus tvs. It was also suggested that we advertise the event in the “Langara Post” and do a phone campaign.
  - Snacks and a cash bar– the same as last year.
  - MC – is possibly Robert Leaf. Dave might ask him to be on the performance list instead.
  - Performers – Dave will use the retirees’ list serve to recruit stage performers.
  - Arts & craft display – Dave mentioned that many retirees are talented artisans. He suggested that some of their arts & crafts be displayed at the gala. This idea was further explored for the social activity (see below).
- iii. Pub gatherings at the Langara Golf Course
- Martin reported that 15-18 people attended the May 23th gathering and 9 retirees came to the June 21 pub social.
  - The next social is scheduled for July 4<sup>th</sup>. Roy and Shannon are committed to attend. **Action:** Roy to send out an announcement.
  - Future gatherings include: August 15<sup>th</sup> with Ken and Roy attending and September 11<sup>th</sup>. **Action:** Ken to contact the Golf course to ensure they can accommodate us on the 11<sup>th</sup>.
  - Planning for the October and November pub gatherings will take place at a future committee meeting.
- iv. January afternoon social on campus (including the AMM)
- Gail volunteered to organize the event on February 21<sup>st</sup>, 2019.
  - **Action:** Yvonne will book either the employee lounge or the 2<sup>nd</sup> floor of T building for the event.
  - If there is sufficient interest, there will be a Retirees arts & crafts showcase included in the social. **Action:** Dave will send out an inquiry question via the list serve *closer to the event date*.
- v. School of Management reunion
- Yvonne reported that over 100 graduates and lots of faculty attended the event. All agreed it was a great success and the school wants to try to have this as an annual event.
- b. CS Tuition for Retirees as reported by Roy
- Shannon E. is still working with CS to see if retirees can receiver either a 50% discount or a course fee waiver. Roy will announce when a final decision is reached.
- c. COSCO report
- Ken and Roy stated there was nothing to report.

d. CURAC membership

- Martin has sent our membership application. Cost was \$0.75 per member (under \$100.00).
- The CURAC is connected with the Retired Teachers of Ontario (RTO) extended health plan. More information is coming about the possible benefits.
- Information re the membership and health plan will be posted on our updated website.

e. Beyond 49 report

- Moira reported that the trek will take place on Wed. Oct. 10<sup>th</sup>. The trek will leave from Oakridge, proceeding down Cambie and terminate at Langara. Staging will be at 1100 with the walk commencing at 1130.
- Walk participants include: former/current employees and students, retirees, sponsors, donors, and community members.
- VIPs , trekkers will be honored and presented with a special gift.
- Opening Ceremonies will be at 1200 – 1300, followed by cake.
- It was decided that the retirees group would host a breakfast/tea event for its members prior to the trek. **Action:** Moira to explore the logistics of holding this retirees event at Oakridge.

#### 4. Other Business

a. Volunteer Opportunities

- Gail asked if the committee's mandate included announcing and posting volunteer opportunities. Having agreement that volunteering does fall within the mandate, Gail will be posting a Vancouver Aquarium volunteer opportunity.

b. Funding request from the School of Nursing

- Gail asked if the committee would consider providing a small amount of funds for a Nursing Faculty Retirees function in May, 2019. This function is in part a celebration of 49 on 49 and it also coincides with the National Nurses Month. **Action:** The committee agreed to the request in principle; but Martin will consult with Dawn for a final decision.

c. Items deferred to the next meeting

- Retirees with disabilities
  - communicating with retirees with computer challenges
  - other issues regarding retirees with disabilities
- Death Notices
- Transitional Models of Retirement
- Computers
- Executive positions – Consider changing to Past President, President, President Elect (Dave)
- Recruiting new retirees to retirees 101
  - Are they being put on the list automatically?

- Other ways to recruit them – e.g. direct email invitation?

d. Retirees Website

- Martin has been working on updating the website. Roy to continue the work.

**5. Next Meeting**

- The next meeting will be Wednesday, August 1, 2018 at 1030 – 1230 OR 1330 – 1530 depending on room availability. **Action:** Shannon to book a room and then send out the information to the committee.

**6. Adjournment**

- The meeting was adjourned by Martin at 1240.

Minutes taken by Gail Bremer.