

## LANGARA COLLEGE RETIREES STEERING COMMITTEE MEETING

July 16, 2019, A253, 1:30 – 2:30 pm, A253

### Minutes

#### Attendees:

Roy Sinn – Chair	Dawn Palmer - regrets	Shannon Eeckhout (minutes)
Dave Lidstone	Shannon Redmond - regrets	Moira Gookstetter
Gail Bremer - regrets	Yvonne Ohara	Ken Jillings
Jane Mason - regrets	Michael Sharzer - regrets	Martin Gerson - regrets

The meeting was called to order at 1:35 pm.

#### 1. Approval of the agenda

The agenda was approved with the addition of 'Insurance Update'.

#### 2. Approval of the Minutes

- Approved with the following edit:
  - 5. 4<sup>th</sup> bullet – update to 'the UBC faculty retirees group was successful in lobbying the university to create a UBC Emeritus College'
- Revised minutes will be added to the website.

#### 3. Business Arising

- a. Upcoming Social Gatherings
  - Golf Course meeting today
  - Next event at Langara Golf Course planned for Wednesday, August 21, 2019 or Thursday, August 22, 2019 (to be confirmed)
- b. Community Day Retirees Event
  - Gail provided detailed update on the events that took place on June 15 (attached)
  - Yvonne added that there were two home coming gatherings – fine arts and entrepreneur group

#### 4. Membership Update

- Shannon has entered all new members whose information was collected using new sign-up cards
- New members still need to respond to the Listserv confirmation email
- Shannon and Yvonne will test the Listserv sign up process
- Phone numbers collected on sign-up cards need to be tracked on a spreadsheet as there is nowhere on the listserv for this information
- Need to consider if we want to try to collect all members' phone numbers

#### 5. Other Business

##### 5.1 Insurance update

- CURAC recommends people join the RTO (Retired Teachers of Ontario)
- Dawn, Roy, Dave and Ken to meet to discuss whether the College could take on the Retirees as group under our current plans

- Dave mentioned at the faculty lunch, only a few people were using the Pension Plan Green Shield coverage

### **5.2 Geezers Gala**

- Friday, October 25, 2019 date confirmed
- Roy to put out a Save the Date notice and add to Facebook
- Shannon to give Yvonne an updated membership list and she'll send a message
- Catering – Jane and Shannon to confirm budget
- Bar – Yvonne offers to use in-house vendor
- Proceeds to be directed to Studio 58
- Yvonne can do on-line tickets using Razor's Edge
- Dave to pass along performers' names as they confirm
- Yvonne can advertise it the Alumni page – link from HR retirees page
- Send listserv updates with performers names
- Add to The Langara Post

### **5.3 2020 AMM and Social**

- date and location to be determined

### **5.4 Website**

- Roy would like to have a retirees site outside of the current HR webpage
- Shannon to add to agenda for discussion and decision at future meeting

### **5.5 Sunshine Coast Festival of Written Arts**

- Roy has 9 vouchers for tickets for the event taking place August 15 – 18, 2019 at Rockwood Centre, Sechelt, BC
- Please contact him you can make use of a voucher

## **6. Next Meeting**

- Ken will confirm the next Langara Golf Course meeting and Shannon will send a meeting invitation

## **7. Adjournment**

The meeting concluded at 2:37 pm.

Community Day Update - Provided by Gail Bremer:

From the retiree's perspective, the Celebration on 49<sup>th</sup> was a huge success. The day started with the fulfilled Homecoming Breakfast. Although 22 people had registered; 38 people attended. The retiree who travelled the farthest was James Baker, the Mayor of Lake Country, who taught Anthropology in the 70's. Everyone was having such a great time socializing they didn't want to leave.

Following the breakfast, many of the retirees mingled and enjoyed Jim Placzek's sing-a-long in the Retirees/Alumni lounge. By popular demand Jim played his guitar for over an hour instead of the intended three songs. Throughout the day the lounge saw hundreds of people reuniting with former colleagues, chatting over old photos, enhancing their historic knowledge by reading Keith Gilley's Langara historical article or admiring Kees Hoff wooden sculptured bowl and other artistic works. A great time was had by all.

A day such as this could not have been possible without the incredible help and support for many dedicated individuals. Special thanks goes to the wonderful retiree volunteers, Norm Olenick, Linda Holmes, John Duncan, Dorothy Yada and Gail Bremer who provided outstanding hospitality and security in the lounge and exhibition hall. Thanks also goes to Lara Griner and Yvonne O'Hara for all their support and organization to make this a truly memorable celebration.

Personally, I'd like to thank the Retirees Committee for the opportunity to represent them at this awesome, fun filled day. Our presence resulted in several request for membership to our list serve and it allowed us to advertise our upcoming events.

