

LANGARA COLLEGE RETIREES STEERING COMMITTEE MEETING MINUTES

Monday, September 11, 2017
1:00 pm, Room B236

Attendees:

Gail Bremer
Mel Fearman
Martin Gerson (Chair)
Moira Gookstetter
Mike Holmwood
Ken Jillings

Minutes:

Shannon Eeckhout

The meeting was called to order at 1:06 p.m. and round table introductions were made.

1) Approval of agenda

The agenda was approved with the addition of 'Toastmasters'.

2) Approval of minutes of June 28 and July 10, 2017

The minutes of the meetings were approved.

Action: Shannon to ensure distribution list contains most up-to-date email addresses.

3) Business Arising

A. Membership Building Activities

1. Connections with CUPE
 - Mel reported that he's been unable to connect with Brian McGibney over the summer but met with him today
 - Mel will send him the information today including the link to the website. Will provide an update at the next meeting.
2. Connections with LFA
 - Dave had sent a draft of his notes for his presentation to the LFA to Martin, can circulate. He will be meeting with the LFA Board at their meeting tomorrow (Sept 12.)
 - Dave will provide an update after the meeting.
3. Access to the membership/listserv list
 - Martin recommended that Steering Committee members use PDFs old file formats (file names without the x, .doc rather than .docx for example) when circulating documents since many retirees and others are still using a variety of older office-type programs that don't handle the newer file formats
 - Martin provided an update on the langara.ca vs langara.bc.ca email issue. Shannon is working on resolving the issue.

- **Action:** Shannon to add Mike Homewood's langara.bc.ca address in the listserv.

B. Membership in COSCO

- Ken reported on a COSCO meeting that he and Roy attended last Friday as visitors.
- The meeting was 2 hours with approximately 40 attendees.
- Steven Morgan, PhD in Public Policy, UBC made a presentation on universal pharmacare. Additional information can be found in the article. [Link to article.](#)
- Diane Wood BC Federation of Retired Union Members approached Ken. They provide extended health benefits. Ken will investigate and report back
- Health and Wellness: Training and education component offers 41 different workshops, 18 updated, and will present to groups of 10 or more on a variety of topics.
- COSCO always looking for meeting space for approximately 50 people.
- Next meeting October 13. Roy and Ken will attend if available.
- Dawn would like to host a meeting at Langara if possible, potentially the Gallery Space could be used.
- **Action:** Dawn suggests sending out the list of workshops to see what interest there is. A survey could be created and respondents could pick top 5.
- Fluid Survey is used at Langara. Shannon will request an account.
- **Action:** Martin to discuss further with Ken and Shannon can prepare survey.

C. Events

(1) Langara Geezers' Gala

- Dave reported that he has spoken to Daniel Dolan in Studio 58 about the event. Production is in place. Space from reserved from 3:30 pm on. Bruce Kennedy will be part of the event. Artistic program mostly done. Hoping to hear back from Frankie Kerr.
- Dave will be contacting and confirming with participants. Martin confirms his participation.
- Tickets and Promo: has been reviewed by Moira, Yvonne to respond today. Dave will then send on to Sherri Sadler.
- **Action:** Martin will send out on listserv.
- Langara Post – Nav can post. Will remain active on the site. It is a newsletter but it links back to a website so all items remain.
- Front of House: no arts and crafts displays – still up in the air what might happen here
- Food and Drink: Langara Alumni can provide a popcorn machine for the event. Yvonne will book popcorn machine.
- Other catering will be through Charwell's as the on-site caterers.
- Once numbers are confirmed, Shannon can make the order. Friday, October 27. At most 100 people. Will need plates, plastic cups for wine, napkins, ice.
- Wine: Yvonne, Gail and Mike have Serve it Right.
- **Action:** Dawn will get approval from President for serving liquor.
- Dave can pick up the wine. Tim has made the decisions of what to purchase. Mel can help pickup/deliver wine. Yvonne will get license. If charging for wine, then a different license. **Decision:** charge \$5. Cost of license comes from Dawn's budget.

- Cans of soda can be picked up at the same time as wine.
- Tickets will be first come first serve. Invitations going out on the list serv.
- Moira looking at tickets through Studio 58. Event Brite or manual tickets. Still exploring these options. Tickets will be \$20.
- Dave suggests that if selling manual tickets to oversell by 10%.

(2) January Wine and Cheese

- January 26. 2018. 3:00 pm to 7:00 pm in the Employee Lounge.
- Shannon will assist with the event and can get a quote from Chartwells.
- **Action:** Moira will send Gail the menu for appetizers with price list
- Yvonne will get the liquor license.
- **Decision:** try to have a Blues band.
- Gail brought up issues of space – with the band there will be less space for attendees.
- Ken suggested potentially more of back ground music.
- Mel states that a trio would be appropriate.
- **Action:** Mel will make some inquiries and will connect with Gail.
- **Action:** Dawn will request that Lane to come and welcome group – needs to get in to his calendar. SE
- Gail will provide an update at the next meeting,
- **Action:** Martin will start sending Save the Dates for upcoming events.

(3) Golf Club Get-togethers

- Recent events on July 6 and August 22. Roy and Ken attended on Aug 22.
- About 12 attended and was room on the patio for everyone.
- If more than 20, golf course would move the group indoors.
- Decision: next event will take place next Spring

(4) Discussion Groups

- Leni Gelten hosting. First topic: Current Events
- Notice went out – first meeting 4:00 to 6:00 Tuesday. Will meet the second Tuesday of every month. Rooms will need to be booked.
- Yvonne will attend the first session.
- Expects 10 – 15 people.

D. Web Presence

(1) Langara College Retirees page in the HR Section of the Langara Website

- Link: <https://langara.ca/departments/human-resources-payroll/employee-culture/retirees.html>
- Short link: langara.ca/retires
- Roy and Martin drafted content. Site is easy for Nav to update.

(2) Posting of approved SC minutes

- Shannon has asked Nav to post June 28 and July 10 approved minutes. This is complete.

(3) Mailing out the membership/email list to members after providing notice and

opt-out possibility

- Martin suggests sending a message to everyone saying “if you don’t want your email shared, let us know”, then can we send out the list to others. Currently only committee has the list.
- There are members who would like to be able to be in contact with others.
- Yvonne outlined that online consent legislation limits our ability to share the list. Also suggests that the ‘introductions’ being kept in-house (meaning one of the committee would reach out to make the contact’. This creates two-way consent.
- Martin will post a suggestion on how to initiate contact on the website.

(4) Other Web issues

- **Action:** Shannon will update Mike’s email address on the listserv and ensure the correct address for Ken is being used

4) Steering Committee administrative support update

- Dawn introduced Shannon Eeckhout as her new Executive Assistant.

5) Upcoming Langara Events that we should tell retirees about?

- Yvonne: Philosophers’ Jam, Sept 26, Oct 19, Nov 9
- Creative Arts Open House – Nov 6
- Goods Swap – Sept 27
- Alumni Tea – TBD – Mid November approx. 2:00
- Langara Events Calendar
- Alumni Basketball Game – Yvonne will add to Facebook
- Action: Nav to get Yvonne access to post on website. Shannon will follow up.

- A Toastmasters chapter is opening on campus in January 2018. Retirees can come to learn about public speaking. Open a chapter at Langara.

6) Report on “49 on 49 campaign”

- Moira introduced Lisa Fisher who presented her slide show (attached with minutes).
- The 50th anniversary will be coming up soon as will other organization. Instead, celebrate the 49th anniversary on the 49th Avenue campus and 25th anniversary of being an independent organization
- Alumni – will be rolling out the term “Langaran” (alumnus) as being more inclusive of former students and not restricted to graduates who obtained credentials from Langara.
- Community Day: block style party – Spring 2019
- The retiree group can get involved in many ways: identify fundraising activities, connect with lost Langarans, or nominate someone to be celebrated.
- Dave suggested that Geezer Gala proceeds could be included in the “49 on 49th” fundraising
- Martin suggests someone that was part of the move to the current site would be of interest to Moira.
- **Action:** Committee asked to provide names of people who could contribute stories. The move from King Ed to 49th or around the start in early 1960 (Adult Education Centre), in 1965 Vancouver City College, 1970 Langara Campus, 1994 became independent.

- Moira suggests that someone from the committee could work with them to help with fundraising.
- **Action:** Gail and Yvonne to connect on a Nursing Reunion.
- Ken asked whether Lisa should come back with another update closer to launch (new year).
- **Action:** could post something at the January event to encourage retirees to get involved.

7) Next meeting

Decision: latter half of November – SE to do a doodle poll of possible dates

- Ken will be away Nov 17th to Dec 1st

8) Adjournment

Meeting was adjourned at 3:00 pm