

Members Present: Alfredo Alvarado, Margie Davidson, Jennifer Harbick, Don Jones, Byron Kellar, Erica Popick-Kevekrian, Frances Moore, Lisa Pickert, Robert Rosenkranz, Cyra Sadowl

Guests: Katie Weber

President Lisa opened the meeting around 5:08 P.M. with a positive and amusing metaphor comparing life with a camera. It ended by saying “If things don’t work out, take another shot” (which happened to describe your Secretary’s day).

MINUTES: The minutes of 1 December were approved (Margie/Jenn) as sent.

OLD BUSINESS

- Jenn has investigated Girls Build, the local branch of a national organization with the mission of encouraging girls to join the construction trades. This fits in RI’s focus for the year: Empower Women. One of their projects is a summer time “Camp on Campus”, where groups of girls 8 to 14 spend a week on the Portland State campus learning about construction trades. Possible ways our club could become involved are donating to GB, grant writing, or funding a camp scholarship. We asked Jenn to investigate further and bring us more information.

NEW BUSINESS

- We discussed possible changes to the Neil Kelly scholarship presentation format. Lisa has invited Kelly Chacón, a Reed College professor, to be our main speaker, and would like the presentation to be in a (preferably N/NE) high school. She suggested 16 or 21 June as a date and no luncheon—perhaps in the afternoon with light snacks at the end. This would be less expensive than a banquet at Moda Center. Byron was open to the changes but said the 21st was too late because many students were working or had left town by then. He also feels that inviting important political/business people (“Movers and Shakers”) impresses the students with the event’s importance and makes it more newsworthy. Other members mentioned the importance of inviting the recipients’ parents, having adequate parking, and suggested inviting former recipients (to talk about their experiences), the school superintendent, and/or a college president.
- Byron said that some club member needs to learn about Margie’s job—keeping in touch with scholarship recipients while they are attending college so that we know where, when and to whom we send the scholarship checks. This is the key step in the process and takes a lot of time and diligence. Margie has done it for years and needs to share her problems and techniques so that others could be prepared to help or take it on.

MEMBER REPORTS

- Byron reported that Craig believes we could raise our scholarship to \$4,000/year if the Foundation maintains a 4% return. Some of its funds are “unrestricted”, which means we could send them directly for payments (instead of keeping them in the endowment). if the return temporarily fell below that amount. He could keep the possible increase quiet, in case of lower return, or announce it at the presentation if a raise is sustainable.
- The meeting ended with people sharing their favorite Christmas memories.

The meeting closed at 5:55 P.M. with the 4-Way Test.

Our next Teams meeting will be **at 5:00 P.M. on 5 January, 2023. HAPPY NEW YEAR!**

Respectfully submitted,
Frances Moore, Secretary