

Minutes of the QCGC Board Meeting of January 10, 2024

Kino Conference Room

President Byron Bissell called the meeting to order at 10:00 a.m.

Attendees: Byron Bissell, Carol Sullivan, Norma Schellberg, Margie Barber, John Gelber, Mary-Lynn Dubray, Judie Fry, Bobbi Gordon, Mark Hester, Dick Sussman

Absent: Janice Messer

Secretary's Report: A motion was made, seconded, and voted upon to accept the November and December Board Minutes as presented.

Treasurer's Report: Treasurer Margie Barber completed the report as of December 31, 2023. Total revenues were \$1,603.00. Total Expenditures were \$1,041.68. Expenditures over Revenues were \$561.32. The reconciled bank balance on December 31, 2023, was \$1,403.50. It was moved and seconded to accept the Treasurer's Report as presented.

Committee Reports:

- **Communications:** Communications Director Dick Sussman was asked if he could print a calendar of events for the Club. He said that it is already on the Club's website. He also said he is continuing to send in announcements for the QCGC on "What's Happening" and maintaining the Club's website.
- **Membership:** Margie Barber passed out the list of 37 members who have currently paid their dues for 2024. Also on the list are 40 additional members from the prior year who have not renewed their membership yet. A discussion followed regarding when to cut off the payment date which is currently January 31st. A motion was made, seconded, and passed to amend the By-laws to change that date to March 1st. It was also suggested to ask members who are dropping out why they are doing so.
- **Education:** Education Director Mary-Lynn Dubray reported that the December workshop on developing a research plan went well. The January workshop is scheduled for the 4th Thursday of the month. Attendees will be encouraged to bring their laptop if they have one and Byron will assist beginning members if they need help.

- **Guest Speakers:** The February Speaker will be John Bird. His topic will be “How I Was Able to do In-Depth Research to Build My Family Tree.” This should be particularly of interest to those members fairly new to researching their roots, as well as to those more experienced researchers who have come up against some of the proverbial “Brick Walls.” Our March speaker will be Becky McCreary who has been re-scheduled from last November. Her topic will be “Writing Your Own Family History”.
- **Social Events:** Social Events Director Bobbi Gordon is working on setting up our next “Meet and Greet” in late fall. She also asked if anyone has suggestions for programs/speakers, to pass them on to Janice. For other requests/information including GroupWorks pass those on to Bobbi.
- **Resources:** Resource Director Judie Fry reported that she will soon be sending out her list of website research suggestions.

New Business:

John Gelber made a motion that the By-laws be revised to make the Past President be an officer on the Board. The motion was seconded and passed.

Byron then led a discussion about why our General Meeting attendance has been so low. The Board members discussed the purposes of the Club as given in our Mission Statement. It was decided that Instruction, Information, and Inspiration are the main purposes. It was agreed that we need more time to discuss solutions to meet these purposes. We will meet again next Wednesday, January 17th at 9:00 a.m. to continue the discussion.

The meeting was adjourned at 11:55 a.m.

Respectfully Submitted,

Norma Schellberg

Secretary