

Minutes of Board of Management
The Literary Club
February 10, 2020

Present: Dehner, Kathman, Hague, Bennett, Silberstein, Strauss, Lauf

Approved: Ben Greenberg's candidacy for membership; posted for a March vote

Approved: Bill Sena's request to change from regular to associate status.

Approved: Trustees' recommendation(s) of Honorary Membership designation for Bill Burleigh (posted for March membership vote), for Dale Flick (posting for April membership vote) and Robert Watkins (posting for May membership vote)

Discussed: Whether a writing sample must be specifically prepared for the Club application. Subject tabled for further discussion in March after review of the New Member Process and Preparing a Writing Sample policies.

Discussed: Jerry Kathman reported that club badges have been ordered. Members will be urged to leave badges in a basket at the Club but may keep them. Wearing them is optional but encouraged. No decision on whether members will pay for replacement of a lost badge.

Discussed: Redesign of the front wall and bar, Paul Shortt will be included in a further discussion. Tom Bennett shared financial data about discretionary spending as background, with agreement that the sequence be (1) what the Club experience and interior should be, followed by (2) cost and funding of agreed improvements.

Discussed: Ted Silberstein reported that 8 chairs need reupholstering and an estimate of cost is being sought.

Discussed: Steve Strauss reported that a smoke task force is considering how to address the adverse impact of smoke in the library.

Discussed: Book Committee reported significant early submissions, with a deadline of February 15 and a planned book launch at the June outing.

Discussed: Richard Hague outlined plans for a poetry evening on May 6, with both Club and other noted poets to present to an audience of members and guests.

Discussed: April 28 evening presentation of Jack Davis and Sharon Stocker on the Griffin Warrior will be for members and guests.

Discussed: LC Spring Grove tour on May 30; LC open house on May 31.

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January 13, 2020

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Discussed: Jerry Kathman has identified a designer to prepare the club badges. Discussion centered on using the directory on the LC website in re: to first names, with review/approval by individual members hence.

Discussed: writing samples from Ben Greenberg and Jim Sammarco approved.

Honorary Members – Trustees to make recommendations at February BOM meeting.

Discussed: Book to contain 25-30 pieces by Club members in the decade 2010-2020, plus selected new pieces. Publication date - June 2020 – in conjunction with Spring Outing. Each Club member may propose one selection of his writing or may propose another member's paper of the past ten years. No photos or illustrations. Papers can be of Honorary, Regular and Associate Members, as well as deceased members who presented paper between 2010-20. Call for Submissions posted.

Discussed: Ted Silberstein reviewed LC gift acceptance policy.

Discussed: March poetry evening with Opera. Due to the time limitation of poet's schedule, and possible audience size, hosting this event at LC is not possible.

Discussed: Roundtable for presenter each Monday. Decision was made not to have official designation but presenter can always have seat of honor if a self-appointed group would like to further the conversation thereafter.

Discussed: Evening on Writing – with Women Writing for a Change. Will explore, anticipate resistance due to membership requirements.

Approved: BOM minutes for October and November.

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November 11, 2019

Present: Dehner, Kathman, Cuni, Hague, Bennett, Silberstein, Strauss, Lauf, Hunt

Approval of October Minutes delayed

Approved: Final version of New Member Process as presented by Vice-President Ted Silberstein – this will be posted on club website.

Discussed: Jerry Kathman presented feedback gathered from club members to idea of member badges

Discussed: Treasurer Bennett shared update annual financial report; will present final version at January BOM meeting

Discussed and approved: Mentor and Critic program – President Dehner presented feedback gathered in response to creating a panel of mentors and critics, volunteers from regular membership to help new/current members improve upon their papers when in draft form; will present to group at December board meeting

Discussed: Presented by President Dehner, a six-member group is developing framework and costs for publishing members papers for internal and public reading enjoyment. More info to come at January BOM meeting.

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October 14, 2019

Present: Dehner, Kathman, Cuni, Hague, Bennett, Silberstein, Strauss, Lauf, Hunt

Discussed: Nick Trelka's timeline for customized leather pocket diary

Approved: Zinicola's and Lloyd's writing sample

Discussed: "Know Your Club" weekend on 5/18 and 5/19 – Ted Silberstein supervising

Discussed: Spring outing at Terry Horan's

Discussed: voting process

Approved: minutes of the BOM meeting held on April 8, 2019