

TBM ExComm meeting—2/21/2021—Zoom

ExComm members present: Lisa Blair (new LocSec), Linda Christina, Dan Tabbert, Jacki Nesbitt, Melissa Stephens, Art Schwartz, Kathy Crum, Sylvia Zadorozny

Other TBM members present: Thomas Thomas, Harry Richter

Lisa called the meeting to order at 3:08 pm.

Reports

Scribe: Minutes for last regular ExComm meeting were sent out. No changes received. Someone else scribed for the *ad hoc* ExComm meeting.

Asst LocSec: After learning Art was resigning as LocSec, I called an *ad hoc* meeting to appoint a new LocSec. Lisa has been appointed as our new LocSec.

Calendar: Nothing to report. No activity.

Treasurer: See emailed report, emailed just before this meeting. We are up from last year. Proposed budget included socials. Overall balances look good. Up from last year by about \$600.

Motion: 2021 proposed budget was voted on and passed with no changes.

Scholarship: See emailed report, emailed just before this meeting. 151 essays made it through elimination round 1. Started with 220. Have 3 panels of 3 judges scoring. 4 have finished. Regional level is looking for volunteers. Lost 2 judges.

Motion: Send gift cards for appreciation for judges time. Motion passed.

Had problems with national scoring wiping out work. Some groups used spreadsheets. Linda had faith that national would get it right this time. It seems there is still work to do on this.

Editor: Rob is reaching out to Jennie Gallo and Hannah Berios. Lisa also reached out to Jennie. There was also a third volunteer after these two were appointed. Looking forward to see what next *Sounding* will look like.

Program officer: Position is open. Thomas posted in chat window kinds of virtual programs that groups are putting on. Art: Are we going to announce when we will start live programs? National's guidance is to follow local laws. Thomas mentioned that North FL group had a meeting and someone had COVID and then everyone was quarantined. We are allowed to restrict meetings to members who wear masks. Lisa would rather focus on virtual events. Art is thinking ahead, maybe Summer Social. Perhaps publish "for the safety and health of all members we are requiring masks at this event." Food would have to be individual. Summer picnic? Hot outside. Book club is running virtual. Jackie is setting up another trivia event, late March or early April.

Membership: See emailed report, emailed just before this meeting. 673 members, down 25 from last year. 100 lapsed, 85 new members (mostly rejoins and move-ins). Posted renewal info on Facebook; March is renewal month.

Testing: See emailed report, emailed just before this meeting. No testing right now. No sites. National is testing with private companies, one is in Tampa. Other groups are reaching out to members to find sites; has to be safe public space.

Goal is to get members to join, rather than just perform tests. Private site costs more than with our proctors. They require masks.

Publicity: Lisa has an intern! They are 16 and got parents' permission. Dan mentioned different perspective. Publicity includes external outreach.

Community events: Feeding Tampa Bay? Small groups with masks and social distancing. Lisa is finding out about it and trying to set it up for us.

Miles for Moffitt, Saturday before Thanksgiving. Save the date.

LocSec: Lisa promises to do the best job she can.

Webmaster: Dan got requirements for new website, went to freelance site and got 14 proposals. Narrowed it down to 3 (cost, experience, etc.). Got rough estimate of cost from the 3: \$5000, \$2000, & \$700. Use WordPress. Has used Bryson before (the \$700 estimate). Dan asked to set budget at \$1000 so have some extra for contingencies. Will have calendar which will be updatable. Will be able to accept Paypal, mobile friendly, utilize current technologies, our pelican logo. Expecting will be able to get something in 2-4 weeks for testable draft. Before next ExComm meeting will be able to go live. Kathy and Jackie met with Dan. Can be maintained by the group, once it is built. Art: Is it scalable? Rob: Yes, it's based off of plug-ins. How do we control permissions? Who has access and who gets notifications? More technical talk ensued. Melissa wants it integrated with Google calendar.

Motion (Melissa): We set aside a budget of \$1000, with \$700 as the initial outlay to Bryson for the development and release of our new website, and with \$300 set aside for additional outlay and modification thereof as needed. Motion passed.

Dan wants to know about current site. Kathy has access.

Gifted Youth: Melissa: National is in the process of redoing her authorization. Need to get back to doing web site.

New Business

We need an admin for Facebook. Would clear requests to join group, make sure they are members. Maybe reach out to non-ExComm members.

Content guidelines on Facebook group posting? Facebook has its own code of conduct. Be aware youth members are able to join group. Do we want to keep political discussions reigned in? Anything goes discussion? Interpretation of guidelines, who enforces it? There was a post a couple of weeks ago that was objected to. How do we deal with trolls? If we have guidelines people will test limits. It has died down for now. Monitor it. Wait & see if it becomes a problem.

Editorial board for newsletter—Melissa, Thomas, and Art—can advise new editors.

Art: Update on National Gathering? Thomas: Expectation that it will go forward. No announcements have been made by National.

Next meeting: *Sunday, April 11, 3 pm, on Zoom.*

Meeting adjourned.