

**Phi Beta Kappa Association of Metropolitan Phoenix**

**Meeting Minutes**

**May 20, 2013**

The Board of Directors of the Phi Beta Kappa Association of Metro Phoenix

held its May 20, 2013 meeting at the Red Wok, 3434 E. Thomas Rd., Phoenix.

Elena Zee, Co-President, called the meeting to order at 6:50 p.m. Elena

welcomed and introduced Trudi Drake, who was attending the meeting as a

prospective Board member. Also attending the meeting were Maire Simington,

Co-President, Ann-Marie Anderson, Vice-President, Gail Boyd, Treasurer and

Recording Secretary, Bill Facinelli and Ellyn Stein.

FINANCIAL MATTERS: Outcome of Spring Fundraising and Financial Report

Gail Boyd, Treasurer, reported that scholarship donations in response to the

spring fundraising letter was $2,925. Twenty six members donated, with one

member donating $1,000. In 2012, 36 members donated $2,675. While the

total amount in 2013 exceeded 2012, the number of members donating dropped

off.

Bill Facinelli asked if the drop in donors reflected not sending out letters

as opposed to emails. Elena responded that most of the previous donors who

dropped off were sent letters, but perhaps five of these members were only

emailed. There was a general discussion about the reasons for the drop off

in number of donors. Elena pointed out that getting a new list from the

national PBK Society would give the Association the ability to focus on Phi

Beta Kappans new to the Valley. Elena also indicated that Trudi may be

available to help bring a better focus to the data base used in fundraising.

Gail Boyd indicated that thank you letters were mailed to each scholarship

donor. In addition, the Association has $6,781.27 available in bank

accounts and an undeposited check for $50.

SCHOLARSHIPS

Elena described the Association's scholarship structure of undergraduate

scholarships and the graduate PBK inductee award of $1,000. Bill indicated

that the undergraduate application deadline was mid-June and that to date

there was one application showing that the online application was up and

running. Kate Lehman was unable to attend this meeting and it was noted

that the graduate inductee application deadline was not until June 30.

There was a general discussion about the history of the inductee scholarship

applications and recipients. The Board considered the pros and cons of

offering the scholarship for any accredited graduate school rather than

limiting the graduate school to an Arizona university.

The inductee scholarship this year has the same requirements and conditions

-- no changes were made except for extending the deadline for applications.

It was the consensus of the Board to consider the inductee scholarship after

the application and award process concludes for this year.

ANNUAL DINNER

It was the consensus of the Board that the annual dinner be held at the same

location as last year, the Bluewater Grill in Phoenix. Two possible dates

for the dinner were selected: October 17 and October 23. Elena will check

with the Grill regarding availability for these dates. Elena Zee had

contacted Board members about a three member panel program idea prior to the

meeting. It was also the consensus of the Board that three PBK members,

Max Oppenheimer, Winifred Doane, and Betsy Bayless, be invited to form a

panel for a discussion about how their careers were affected by their

liberal arts educations and induction into Phi Beta Kappa.

Elena will contact Max Oppenheimer, language professor and member of the

military; Maire will contact Betsey Bayless, health and hospital services/

Arizona Secretary of State, and Elena will ask Kate Lehman if she would

contact Winifred Doane, ASU Professor/ Women in Science award winner.

The Board discussed the mailing and cost of the newsletter which contains

the invitation to the annual dinner. Gail posed the question about the

number of newsletters to be mailed. The cost of mailing the newsletter to

somewhat less than two thirds of the eligible Association last year was

almost $1,000 when the cost of the bulk mailing permit is factored in. Gail

proposed that the pros and cons of direct mail versus email, etc. be

considered at our next meeting.

BOARD APPROVAL OF NEW BOARD MEMBER

Elena Zee, Co-President, moved that the Board approve Trudi Drake as a new

Board member. The motion was seconded by Ann-Marie Anderson,Vice-President.

The Board voted unanimously to approve Trudi Drake as a member of the

Association's Board of Directors.

JUNE MEETING WILL BE ON JUNE 10 at 6:30 p.m. -- place like to be the Red

Wok, but will be announced.

Elena Zee, Co-President, adjourned the meeting at approximately 8:15 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Gail Boyd, Recording Secretary