

**ICL BOARD MEETING
MINUTES
March 28, 2022**

1. Call to order and confirmation of quorum
Andi Basalay called the meeting to order at 10:05 a.m. Once Bill came in late, all members and Bob Masterson were present. Debbie DeChinistso was a guest.
2. Approval of February, 2022 Minutes (attached)
Sheila made a motion to approve the February, 2022 minutes. Ruth seconded. The motion carried unanimously.
3. ICL Member Participation
No comments
4. Unfinished Business
 - a. ICL SERVE (Senior Restaurant Review of Excellence)
Andi reported that she had talked to Caryn and they are not ready to move forward, but will have a report in April.
 - b. Events Committee
 - i. Picnic
John informed the Board that CRC (Community Recreation Center in the Schaumburg Park District has been confirmed for the picnic. Nancy Mieszala has confirmed Mrs. C's Catering. They require a \$250 deposit by July 1. Drinks will be purchased separately. Andi recommended the game: *Left, Right, Center*, but not for money.
 - ii. "Invite a Friend" Ice Cream Social/Art Fair
Basilio King and Alfredo Rodriguez will coordinate the art fair. We will be using the RU cafeteria. Members will be encouraged to bring a friend and they will be recognized by the Membership Committee.
 - iii. Holiday Party/Chandlers
Reservations have been made at Chandlers, but the final contract is not available yet. Once we have the final contract, Sheila will ask the Board for approval to make the deposit. The price has gone up about \$5 per person. The menu has also been selected.

Sheila hired Randy Walker to provide entertainment. He will play music from the 50s+ for 45 minutes to an hour.

There was a discussion about people starting extra tables which would result in additional costs for ICL. Sheila responded that since

members will be assigned to tables; therefore, she didn't think this would be a problem.

Gene asked if members would pay for the Holiday Party using ProClass. Bob responded that it would be best for members to pay the old way.

Bob asked about the contract for the Appreciation Luncheon. Sheila indicated that we are also waiting for that contract and that the menu has been selected.

iv. Field Trips

Sheila proposed that the Board approve a field trip to Drury Lane to have lunch and see the play, *The King and I* for Wednesday, May 4. ICL can get a group rate if a minimum of 15 members registers; with 20 members, ICL would get a free ticket. Tickets would be approximately \$70 for lunch and the play. Members will be encouraged to carpool to avoid the cost of a bus. Sheila moved to sponsor the field trip to Drury Lane to see *The King and I* on May 4. Gene seconded the motion. The Board unanimously approved the motion.

Sheila also recommended a field trip to Cook, Cork and Fork in Palatine. They offer cooking classes for 8-24 people. This would also include a glass of wine. Sheila recommended that this be scheduled for an afternoon in early June for about \$60 per person. Andrea asked how it would be handled if more than 24 people were interested. Sheila responded that an additional date could be scheduled. Sheila moved to offer a gourmet cooking class at Cook, Cork and Fork in Palatine. Sue seconded the motion. The motion carried unanimously.

Andrea Zietlow mentioned that Alan Johnson definitely would like the Events Committee to plan a field trip to the Rockford Japanese Garden in conjunction with the gardening class. All members would be invited. He suggested later June or July. Sheila agreed to investigate the pricing.

Sheila also suggested a field trip to Dream World at Cantigny. She will bring information to the next meeting.

c. ICL Reads --- April Events

The ICL Reads Committee distributed about 50 *Boys in the Boat* books and estimate that about 80 members read this book. There were 22 participants at the first book discussion and 13 at the second. Many members have indicated that they are unaware of the various ICL Reads

events. To create awareness outside ICL and invite non-members to participate, Caryn Amster has developed an excellent article for the Daily Herald. Although we don't know if it will be published, non-members are invited to attend and can contact Bob for the Zoom link. These events are also posted on the website in the *In the News* section and Andi is posting them on Facebook. Andrea suggested that an eBlast be sent to members listing all of the programs. As of April 30, Ruth Sellers will become the chair of ICL Reads.

d. Outreach and Fundraising Committee

i. New Membership and Recruitment Campaign

5 Board members have given names of potential members with their email addresses. They will be provided information and invited to various events. Andi requested that the remaining board members provide names to Gene of people they know who might be interested in ICL. It is recommended that the person be contacted first. Every six weeks, Gene will send an email with upcoming events. It will indicate that "A friend of yours recommended you for ICL." If the person wishes to unsubscribe, they can do so.

Andrea recommended that all the members who discontinued their memberships during COVID be included on this recruitment list. We could be sending them information now about the ICL Reads Programs, the Sustainability activities, upcoming field trips, etc. Bob has lists going back to 2013 of people who are no longer members. Gene will work with him on this.

ii. Volunteers

Thus far, 3 people have volunteered offering various time commitments.

5. New Business

a. RU Update (Andi)

i. Roosevelt's Chicago College of Performing Arts

In an effort to help ICL and RU benefit each other, Andi talked to Mablene Krueger about the programs offered by the College of Performing Arts. They have events at the downtown campus almost every night. Mablene spoke to the Dean and he will work on having something available to ICL in the Fall.

ii. Sustainability

In honor of Earth Day, held on April 22 each year, Andi has been working with Mike Bryson, the Sustainability Coordinator at RU to develop some programs. Judy Krakowiak has agreed to lead this project. During Earth Day Week (April 18-24), ICL members will get a packet of seeds.

In addition, there will be two Spring/Summer Intersessions related to Sustainability coordinated by Judy Krakowiak and Andi Basalay. On May 24, Mike Bryson will be meeting with ICL members at the Spring Valley Nature Center for an informative walk around the center. The 2nd Intersession Presentation will help ICL members learn how to make an impact by reducing their one-time use of plastic.

b. Office Manager Update

Bob got his new printer, but unfortunately there have been some problems getting it connected with the RU system. He has met with Jon Resele to try and get this resolved. Bob is also gathering all the necessary data for the tax accountant.

c. Questions/comments regarding Survey

Sue sent out information regarding the results of the Membership Survey for Board Members to look over. If anyone has any questions/comments, they should send them to Sue.

Gene asked if there was anything surprising or that they didn't expect. Sue said that it was interesting that some people didn't respond to some of the questions especially on the ranking.

Andi pointed out that 95% of the members are 71 and older. She also said that it was encouraging to see that many people who have not attended activities in the past are willing to do so in the future. Andrea found it interesting that 15 people who have not coordinated in the past said that they would do so in the future. (She would just like to know who they are!)

d. Nomination Committee and Board Candidates

Members of the Nominating Committee include:

Chair: John Kness

Board Members: Sheila Schwartz and Les Miller

Members At-large: Nancy Mieszala and Ken Bobbe

At present, no candidates have applied for positions on the Board.

Andrea asked Andi to remind Board Members which current members are up for reelection. They are Gene Flynn, Sue Masterson, and Andi Basalay. Sue Masterson is not reapplying. Andrea suggested that Andi contact some of the people on the list of possible candidates that the Board had developed.

6. Calendar Packet

Andrea will send Sue information regarding the Coordinator Meeting on May 23. She will also send Bob a request for Room 126.

7. Treasurer's Report and Financials Report

The total assets and liabilities are \$155,588.00. This was down from \$158K in January. The net income for February was a loss of \$729 and year-to-date is a loss of \$545. Expenses for February included the \$500 for the Pharmacy student and two months rent. Bob indicated that we should get billing for rent on a more regular basis in the future. Fortunately, we are on the 3rd year of the same rent. On the Zoom accounts, we discontinued the additional fees for recording on one of the accounts. This was \$40/month. Andrea suggested that we remind members that they can ask for classes to be recorded in the weekly announcements. Bob suggested also including this information in the weekly schedule.

Membership for February was down three people. Dues were collected from 20 renewals, 4 coordinators, and 1 new member.

8. Additions or Changes to Written Committee Reports

None

9. Other Business

None

10. Additional Member Comments

None

The next meeting will be April 18, 2022 at 10:00 am via Zoom.

Andi recommended meeting one more time via Zoom, but then meeting on-campus in May.

Andi adjourned the meeting at 11:12.