

SCHUTZ AMERICAN SCHOOLS OF ALEXANDRIA FOUNDATION

ANNUAL MEETING

Minutes

September 26, 2020

Zoom Conference

Call to Order and Welcome

The annual meeting was called to order at 2:05 p.m. EDT by SASAF President Paul Clark.

Review and Approval of the Minutes of the 2019 Annual Meeting

Moved and seconded to adopt the minutes as written, with an opportunity for further comments/amendments via the SASAF website. Approved unanimously.

President's Report to the Membership

Paul discussed options for future reunions, including rescheduling the North Carolina plan and the possibility of a reunion in Egypt in 2024 to coincide with the 100th anniversary of Schutz. The Board will continue to work on this.

Treasurer Steve Jamison reported on the state of SASAF finances. The current bank account balance is approximately \$10,000, of which \$4,500 is earmarked for the Meloy scholarship, and approximately \$3,000 will be needed to cover annual operating expenses. Steve noted that there was a loss in 2020 of approximately \$1,000 for unrecovered housing rental deposits as a result of cancelling the May 2020 reunion planned for North Carolina.

Paul explained that \$1,500 is allocated each year to the George and Mary Lou Meloy Scholarship, but in recent years it has been difficult to communicate with staff at Schutz to effect disbursement of the funds, hence the large scholarship account balance. Paul said that the new Head of School, Michael Schooler, is very supportive of the Meloy Scholarship and he will work with Schooler to resolve the communication issue.

Overall, Clark said SASAF finances are on solid ground, but he urged more members to pay the \$30 annual dues.

Nomination and Election of New Directors

Four current Board members' terms are ending and Paul invited nominations. Under the By-Laws the board could increase in size from the present ten board members to sixteen,

but he noted that experience shows it can be difficult to reach a quorum at board meetings.

It was moved to nominate Paul Clark, Jane Hall, Steve Jamison, and Mary Beth Neely for an additional term. The nominees were elected by acclamation.

Open Floor

There was a general discussion on rescheduling the cancelled Emerald Isle reunion for 2021. Paul said that the preferred time would be May instead of summer or fall, given seasonal rental availability and hurricane risk. After discussion, the consensus was that there is unlikely to be a widely available COVID-19 vaccine in time to make housing arrangements for May. Caroline Kurtz suggested another Zoom call in a few months to see where we are. Steve Jamison reported that all deposits for the May 2020 reunion have been, or soon will be, refunded.

Tom Bower reported on the proposed “alumni-in-residence” program at Schutz he has been discussing with Michael Schooler. He described what this would mean, the roles that alumni could play in enhancing education and opportunities for Schutz students, and the communications he has had with the school. There was general support for the concept.

Adjournment

The meeting was adjourned at 2:40 p.m. EDT.

Prepared by Marilyn Watkins, Board Secretary