

**THE RENAISSANCE SOCIETY**  
**Board of Directors Meeting**  
**May 17, 2021**

**1. OPENING**

**1.1. Call to Order:** The meeting was held on Zoom and called to order at 1:00 p.m. by President Ken Cross. In attendance were President Ken Cross, Past President David Abelson, Secretary Bob Benedetti, Controller Norv Wellsfry; Members at Large – Susan George, Karen Martin, Deborah Seiler, Charles Wiseley; Committee Chairs - Christie Braziel, Evelyn Boggs, Nancy Findeisen, Jeff Hendy, Allan Keown, Sarah Ryan-Roberts, Cindy Suchanek and Tom Suchanek; and guests Cheryl Huffman, Jennifer Kerr, and Lorraine Murphy.

**1.2 Introductory Remarks:** Ken asked Board members to review the key dates for 2021 which are included in the agenda.

**1.3 Announcements:** none

**2. AGENDA**

**2.1 Additions to the Agenda:** none

**2.2 Approval of the Agenda- Motion/Second - M/S** – Findeisen/Seiler-unanimous approval.

**3. REPORTS/UPDATES FROM OFFICERS, STAFF, CSUS LIAISON**

**3.1 Secretary's Report**

- Approve minutes from April 12, 2021 Board Meeting- **M/S** – Benedetti/Findeisen - unanimous approval.
- Condolences – Don Sagner

**3.2 Controller's Report – see 4.2**

**3.3 Office Manager's Report** – update on University Transportation and Parking Services Office's transition to license plate recognition instead of paper permits. Members will receive instructions and assistance once RS has programs on campus again.

### **3.4 CSUS Liaison Report – not in attendance**

## **4. SPECIFIC AGENDA ITEMS**

**4.1 ASI Food Pantry \$500.00 Donation** – motion to approve a \$500.00 donation in recognition of 300 innovative RS volunteers who helped make the transition from physical to virtual classrooms. **M/S** – Cross/Seiler-unanimous approval.

**4.2 Board Tellers Report for Officers and Members At Large for the 2021 Board Election** – motion to accept the election results as presented by Jeff Hendy. **M/S** – Hendy/Abelson-unanimous approval.

### **4.3 RS Draft 2021-22 Annual Budget**

- Mainly status quo. Operations slightly higher than 2020-21. Projecting \$15,000.00 deficit.
- Most committees will be funded at requested level. Program Committee - consultant fees request reduced. Communication and Marketing - Recorder and advertising requests reduced.
- Concern expressed that the budget is decided by the Admin/Finance Committee and that the Board does not hear dissent from committee chairs.
- Process – Norv will send proposal to Committee Chairs. Chairs can voice concerns at June Finance/Admin meeting. Final budget will be presented for approval at the June meeting.
- Motion to accept draft 2021-22 budget – **M/S**- Wellsfry/Findeisen-oppose – Braziel, Keown, C. Suchanek; abstain – Abelson, T. Suchanek; all others approve.

## **5. COMMITTEE UPDATES**

### **5.1 Program Working Group/Seminar Committee**

- Fall 2021 Catalog is proceeding within required timeframe. Theme is “Patterns in Life and Nature.” Received 200 photos – making decisions on which to include.

- A workgroup is developing a Summer Program which will include recordings from prior programs and some live sessions.

## **5.2 Technology Working Group/Committee**

- Sarah Ryan-Roberts has agreed to be Co-Chair.
- Surveying members regarding interest in being a tech host.
- Need to decide which recordings will be deleted from Zoom archives.
- Need a few Mac – Apple laptops. Will ask for donations before purchasing.

## **5.3 Finance and Administration**

- The Innovation Funds have been depleted.
- UEI was again late paying the invoice for rent.
- Continue looking for new office space.

## **5.4 Communication and Marketing Committee**

- Annual Report- year end reports due by July 15.
- Eskaton and Rivers Edge have requested in person programs at their facilities.
- All member survey on communication tools results included in agenda packet.
- New logo will be presented at June meeting.

## **5.5 Forum Committee**

- Two new committee members – Bill Sullivan and Michele Finerty.
- Registration for two Fall Forums will be through Eventbrite.
- Search has begun for Spring 2022 speakers.

## **5.6 Resource Development Committee**

- Highly successful year – see report.
- Need people to make phone calls thanking donors.
- Considering sponsorships. Researching other lifelong learning organizations.

**5.7 Scholarship Committee** – recipients were introduced at the May 10 Annual Meeting by means of videos they each made.

**5.8 Gerontology** – looking for mentors for Fall 2021 semester.

**5.9 Membership, Diversity, and Community Engagement Committee**

- June Special Membership Edition of the *Recorder* is on the website.
- Social Committee needs co-chair.
- Community for Racial Justice exploring volunteer opportunities with CSUS.
- Membership portal opens June 1.

**5.10 Announcements, Board Direction and Next Steps** - none

**6.0 REPORTS** – see Board Packet.

**7.0 NEW OR URGENT BUSINESS** – none

**8.0 ADJOURNMENT** -there being no further business the meeting was adjourned at 3:30 pm.

**9.0 NEXT BOARD MEETING** – June 14, 2021 at 1:00 pm.

Respectfully Submitted By:

Shari Lowen (for Bob Benedetti, Secretary)