

BRANDEIS DESERT CHAPTER

Minutes of Board Meeting December 21, 2020

PRESENT: Marcia Plumleigh, Madeline Murphy, Charlene Williamson, Carol Radin, Jean Carrus, Sally Brockman, Marcia Daniels, Eleanor Blank, Gail Fisher, Judy Shultz, Gail Baum, Cecilia Cohen, Sally Markowitz

GUEST: Merle Carrus

ABSENT: Linda Bergman, Gail Minkow, Trudi Munro, Barbara Friedman, Andrea Butler

The meeting was held in a Zoom format. Meeting was called to order at 10:00 a.m.

PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE: Marcia did not have a President's Message as she had not attended the monthly BNC meeting.

MINUTES: The Minutes of the November 16, 2020 meeting were reviewed and Eleanor Blank made a correction to the Minutes regarding the statement that no one was working at National. Minutes will be amended to reflect that everyone is working off-site and therefore she is unable to obtain more tribute cards. Motion made by Charlene Williamson to approve the Minutes as amended and seconded by Judy Shultz. Minutes were then approved unanimously.

TREASURER'S REPORT: Jean Carrus gave the Treasurer's report: Balance in checking account is \$11,978.87. Madeline Murphy made Motion to Approve Treasurer's Report and Sally Brockman seconded. Treasurer's report was approved unanimously. Discussion was held regarding the Financial Goal shortfall of \$6,427.34 for 2020. Merle Carrus stated that BNC was looking into the way the organization is running their goals and is looking forward to changing goals for the Chapters. Discussion held about the name of the new campaign Honor our History. Merle said that the records were being digitalized and the first ones done concern social justice issues. She said that many people are using this resource from all different venues.

TRIBUTES: Eleanor received one tribute in the last month. She received a thank you from Ernie Berkowitz regarding the tribute for Vivian. She will send a reminder to each member of the Board to pay \$20.00 to replenish the tribute fund.

MEMBERSHIP: Membership is 126.

SPECIAL EVENTS: For February's Bridging Cultures, Cecilia has decided to put several different cultures together in a Webinar format. There will be no charge but donations would be accepted. This will be discussed with Alex regarding setting up Webinar to include other chapters. Cecilia wants to limit it to our chapter only but will think about including others. Merle will send Cecilia a link to what other chapters are doing which might help her decide. Trivia is still on schedule for March. Merle asked to be on the programming committee for the April meeting honoring Jean Carrus.

STUDY GROUPS: Carol Radin said all the groups are doing well. She needs to collect the money from Sharon McKee's group and the Yiddish group. Marcia Plumleigh asked Carol to send an eblast to the group coordinators telling them that she is not handling all of the zoom meetings. Cecilia suggested placing a Thank You in the Bulletin to the group coordinators. Charlene Williamson thanked Carol Radin and Judy Shultz for all their efforts. Carol said she would create an article each month highlighting a group coordinator and their group.

NEW BUSINESS: The Chapter needs a nominating committee which consists of 2 Board members, 1 member from the Executive Committee and 2 from the general membership. Charlene Williamson, Sally Brockman, Eleanor Blank and Gail Fisher volunteered. Charlene will contact Beverly Ross, Bob Starr and Carole Goldsmith for their input.

Eleanor Blank made a Motion To Send the Minutes of the Board Meetings Out To The Membership Every Month. It was approved unanimously.

ADJOURNMENT: Motion to Adjourn was made by Carol Radin and seconded by Eleanor Blank. Meeting adjourned at 11:24 a.m.

NEXT BOARD MEETING: January 18, 2021.

Respectfully submitted,

Madeline Murphy
Recording Secretary