

Marlboro College Alumni Council
January 17, 2021
Meeting Minutes

In Attendance:

Melanie Knight Gottlieb, Mark Genszler, Kate Hollander, Gretchen Holbrook Gerzina, Pamela Witte Nye, Dagmawi Iyasu Eminetu, CJ Churchill, Bess Poehlmann, Ellie Roark

Agenda:

Elections

Facebook Committee Charge

Reports of working groups

 Governance

 Resources -- (please see notes from our meeting, shared as notes, below the agenda)

 Communications

 Emails report

 Ragle memoir

 Dispatch for January

 Fundraising via the web (infrastructure)

Frequency of Meeting

Elections:

- Melanie is the only candidate for Moderator; all others declined their nominations
- Mark is the only candidate for Treasurer; all others declined nominations
- The council endorses these two for these positions
- Kate and Ellie are both candidates for Clerk; we table this agenda item in favor of discussing the next item while Melanie sets up the poll for voting.

Facebook Committee Charge:

- We vote to approve the proposed language for the Charge for a Facebook Committee.
- We have a goal of finalizing the language of the call for volunteers and sending it out by early February (ideally before our next meeting).
- The Governance working group will finalize the charge and coordinate with the Communications working group about sending this out to the community.

Elections (again):

- Ellie is elected Clerk.

Reports of Working Groups:

 Governance:

- Will send a rough outline of the bylaws (rough sketch of what needs to be included and what decisions need to be made) to the Council in time for our next meeting (7 Feb).

 Resources:

- Group has identified five task/priority areas, listed here. See Mark's full report for details.
- Tasks/areas to focus work: 1. Targeted fundraising/development work (both for immediate needs and longer-term needs); 2. Reaching out to other organizations and

people; 3. Thoughtful, discrete, future projects; 4. Get-togethers; 5. Legal advisers as a resource

- Peter Zamore has reached out to connect with us; the resources group is meeting with him soon.
- Council decides that over the next month or two we will come up with a slate of ways for people to engage, beyond just the Facebook Committee. We will brainstorm a list of other committee ideas so that we can offer people an array of options.

Communications:

- Melanie to share emails report with the group later; was not able to put it together for this meeting
- Ragle memoir will go out very soon.
- Group is in conversation with Erik Olson about putting a donate button on the website and will bring back a specific proposal to the Council very soon about the best way to do this.

Other reports:

- From our new Treasurer: There's currently about \$800 in bank account. Working with Randy George to obtain a debit card tied to this account so we don't continue to pay for things out of pocket.
- Discussion about having the Ragle memoir printed as a fundraising effort
- Melanie to draft a summary of the Council's activity for the month and send to us for approval

Frequency of Meeting

- We decide to move to a monthly meeting, on the first Sunday of the month (beginning February 7th).

Miscellaneous:

- We decide that at our next meeting we will decide how to split term lengths (i.e. which of us will serve a 2 year term, 3 year term, and 4 year term).