

Marlboro College Alumni Council
October 2, 2022

In attendance: Pamela Nye, Bess Poehlmann, Ellie Roark, Amy Tudor, CJ Churchill, Mark Genszler

Meeting called to order at 2:05 PM

Adoption of Agenda

Agenda approved without amendments

Reading and Approval of Minutes

Clarification that Geoffrey Brown's death is public knowledge and not announced to the public via our minutes.

Minutes approved without amendment.

Reports of Officers

Moderator/Chair- Pam

- Melanie has submitted her resignation. She will continue with the contact data working group, and will finish up projects with Mark. We vote to accept her resignation, but we'll miss her!
- Pam is working through our council records thus far to organize them and make sure we have thorough records to eventually archive with the rest of the Marlboro College collections at UVM.
- Pam would like to move to a more standardized newsletter format and name. Beginning the ground work for that now.

Secretary/Clerk

- Discussion about how committee reports are incorporated into the minutes.
 - We decide that council members will write reports with details, and with a brief summary for the clerk that will be pasted into the minutes. We'll pilot this this fall and begin in earnest with this method in January.

Treasurer

- Bank account totals: \$1835.41 total; increase of \$70.50, no disbursements since last meeting.
- Need contact info (address, etc) for council members to complete tax filings. Email Pam with updated contact info if necessary!

Reports of Committees

Clarification of current committees, members, and roles

- Current council committees are: Communications: Pamela Nye, Dagmawi Iyesu, Melanie Gottlieb; Resources: CJ Churchill, Bess Poehlmann, Mark Genszler; Governance: Kate Hollander, Ellie Roark, Amy Tudor
- Email account: discussion about who answers inquiries that show up at our main the email account. This will need to be discussed in more detail as we restructure the communications committee in Melanie's absence.

Communications

- Alumni Newsletter name-- something to consider.
- Potash Hill is already taken now, so we will need to rethink the name of whatever alumni magazine re-emerges. This can be an alumni engagement activity: name the publication!
- We may want to discuss Brian Mooney's new role with Potash Hill in an upcoming communication. It's a great thing that he's an alum and a community member already.

Resources

- Meeting scheduled with Ellen on Fri, Oct 14.

Governance

- Elections update-- report on timeline and progress. Things are well underway and on schedule.
- Nominations are currently open. Please nominate people!
- To replace Melanie-- we need to fill one one-year seat and three three-year seats. Strong preference to not complicate the ballot and have two candidate pools. Recommendation that we just have the fourth-place candidate win the one-year seat. Gov group will consider and decide soon.
- Frequent email reminders will be needed to drive engagement.

Old Business

Archives Committee new charge and mission report: Pam and Bess will bring a charge back to the group in November.

New Business

Orientation for new board members: who will take charge of this? New council members will be known by mid-November. All new council members will be invited to the December meeting.

- Monthly tasks for transition doc is one helpful tool
- Board Book-- Pam will take this over from Amy while elections are ongoing.
- Notes and wisdom from outgoing council members
- Q+A for incoming council folks
- Are we going to try to accomplish this at a normal December council meeting? Maybe we need to have a separate, different format, that is dedicated to orientation and transition.

Proposed date of next meeting: November 6, 2022

Open meeting adjourned at 3:20PM

Closed Meeting 3:43PM

Respectfully submitted,
Ellie Roark
Clerk