

Board of Directors Meeting
January 14, 2019

Present: Lynn Pierson Karen Fillis Ed Rawlinson
 Lew Spurlock Beth Gale Rebecca Brown
 Jeri Tribo Rich Lampman Geneva Johnson
 Jeanne Dawley

Absent: Jerry Harrington

Guests: Laurie Levin Steve Simpson

1. The meeting was called to order at 3:03 pm.
2. With a motion from Rebecca Brown and a second from Karen Fillis, the December 10, 2018 minutes were approved.
3. The Treasurer's Report was received and Karen Fillis reported the value of the stocks has decreased \$5,000.00. The First Mark account has been closed. Karen Fillis would like to show a summary of the whole year on the website as it currently only has a month to month description. The Unit had a \$21,000.00 net loss for the year and the board members agreed that Karen Fillis could post the financials on the website.
4. Lew Spurlock suggested that Jerry Harrington share his investment strategies as well as how the unit stocks are performing when Jerry gives the board his quarterly update.
5. Jeanne Dawley reported the unit has 1 new member, 2 transfers in, 1 transfer out, and 1 deceased.
6. Education: Ed Rawlinson stated that Nancy Guthrie of Unit 174 wants to start School Bridge. Atlanta has it while San Francisco and Seattle offer parts of this program. UIL regulates sports competitions between schools. The goal would be to have bridge classified as a sport; although Ed was doubtful this could be accomplished. If it were possible, Ed felt if the unit could encourage 5 retired school teachers or administrators to take on this challenge, they could introduce bridge to different schools. Ideas were discussed if 4th-5th grade would be the best candidates or high schoolers because they can drive.
7. GNT: This will be held February 23, 2019 at Fiesta Bridge Club with

Tom Marsh directing. It will be catered by the Greek restaurant next door to Fiesta for those participating in the GNT's. 6 teams are currently signed up. Ed Rawlinson volunteered to obtain the sanction number from ACBL for the side game.

8. Winter Sectional: Laurie Levin said Tom Marsh will be the director in charge, the caterers are hired, and Freddy will help.
9. 4th of July Regional: Beth Gale gave the dollar figures she had gotten from different printers for the flyers. The board decided not to put the charge for the full director course nor the class times in case the numbers change between now and July. Melody Euler will teach the course and Jeri Tribo spoke with Bridgett at the Omni and the Sam Houston room will be open for the classes. Jeri Tribo made a motion with a second from Rebecca Brown and the board voted to approve the flyer with the removal of the full director course charge and hours. There will be two rooms available at the Omni and the board voted to assign one room to Jeri Tribo and the other to Steve Simpson after a motion from Ed Rawlinson and a second from Lew Spurlock.
10. The next meeting will be held February 11, 2019 at 3:00 pm at Fiesta Bridge Club.
11. The meeting adjourned at 4:23 pm.

Beth Gale
Secretary