

D R A F T Minutes
Wider Horizons Board of Directors
Facilitator: Nancy Hooyman

Monday, November 14, 2022
10:30 – 1:00

President’s Report, Nancy Hooyman

Nancy welcomed newly-elected Board members Audrey Hansen and Barbara Oswald, noting they would not be voting members until January. Then Nancy gave over her President’s Report to a tribute to Ann Lawrence, who is leaving the Board of Directors after seven years (the last spent as Immediate Past President). The centerpiece of the tribute was a song written and sung by John Rochford. The lyrics are attached and here is a link to the youtube video:

<https://youtu.be/5fAjUYzXNU4>

Consent Agenda

The “Consent Agenda” was accepted unanimously. Bob Anderson noted that he would not be bringing a motion about setting PDF expenditure limits at this time but would address this in the new year.

Review of 3rd Quarter Financial, Denise Klein

In Jeanne Marie’s absence, and in lieu of the QuickBooks 3rd Quarter P & L Statement, Denise presented a picture of the proposed 2023 budget that compared it with approved budget figures for 2022 and income and expense projected to the end of the year, explaining variances between what had been budgeted and what is projected to be received as income and made as expenditures. Due to technical difficulties with Denise’s Zoom, Bob shared the handout he had prepared that explained all this and Denise went over it in detail. (Attached)

Key to an explanation of underexpenditures is the reluctance of members to ask for help. This has been and will likely continue to be a key organizational challenge and one that we will want to address strategically.

Members asked several questions but there was consensus that we were doing well overall.

Review and Adopt 2023 Budget, Denise

The 2023 Budget was adopted unanimously without further discussion.

Ratify Board member election end elect/re-elect officers for 2023, Nancy

A motion to ratify the member’s election of Audrey and Barbara passed unanimously. Their new member orientation will be held next month. Nancy will appoint a small group to design it.

A motion to re-elect all four officers passed unanimously. Nancy Hooyman will be President; John Rochford, Vice President; Jeanne Marie Thomas, Treasurer; and Denise Lishner, Secretary.

There will be a small Bylaws change to clarify the method of selection of Board members that Bo Anderson will prepare for the January meeting.

Report on the Social Work Program evaluation, Nancy

Nancy clarified this was an evaluation of the program and not of Janet Salsbury. Its objective is to determine whether we will continue with this program model beyond January of 2023.

These were the key points made by Nancy:

- The evaluation will be available by the end of the year and sent to the Board for review at its January meeting.
- It will cover demand data provided by Janet on program operations through October of 2022.
- Denise Klein and Sue Lerner will gather outcome and process data from members who received SW services and from our membership as a whole, asking these questions:
 1. Based on your experience with Janet, would you refer another member to her?
 2. How do you think you benefited from what she had to offer?
 3. Do you think having a SW program makes your or others' membership in WH more valuable?
 4. Do you think having a SW program provides a sense of security or reassurance to our members?

There were many comments and questions, many of which touched upon ways to promote the use of our social work program and others.

Proposed Structure for the Success Planning Task Force, Nancy

Nancy reviewed the attachment "Format for Success Planning." She will be proceeding to identify chairs for both work groups (Succession Planning and Retreat Planning). Many Board members stated they were eager to be involved in what promised to be a well integrated set of processes.

There was a brief discussion of the difference between this effort and strategic planning. One difference is the time frame. Long term planning is not in the cards for now.

Nancy clarified that May will be the best month for the retreat (for reasons of travel schedules, in part) and that the timeline for Succession Planning is a bit more elastic.

Member Input, All

Denise noted that she received several emails commenting on the high quality of the Board meeting packet/materials. It is good to know that some members read and value these.

Bob mentioned the wonderful Pod 7 potluck at Patti Gorman and Dick Knutson's. He is thinking of a "Men Going to Movies" group. Denise Lishner noted that we were asked to test the same day which gave some Covid reassurance.

Anne Focke has a Thanksgiving Day walk. Denise will ask her for a Monday Morning Memo blurb about it.

Nancy Robb mentioned that Pod 6 had an excellent presentation on Succession Planning by Ann Lawrence in which it was clarified that Denise has no plans to retire and that this is a long-term process.

New Business, Nancy

Ann said that while she will continue to serve on the Greater Seattle Villages group for another year, Audrey Hansen will join her. The group meets quarterly and has sponsored some key community presentations as well as having robust discussions of issues that affect villages.

Pursuant to a discussion of how Board members keep track of materials, Susan Adler noted that a new platform for this has been developed by Board Spot and she will share that with Denise so we can see if it would be useful for us to subscribe.

Nancy mentioned that anyone with an interest in helping plan the agenda with her, Denise Klein, and Debbie, contact her.

Bob reiterated that he was available to provide fundraising support to any Board member who wished it.

The meeting wound up with a go-around in which each member spoke of what they thought had gone well this past year. Summing up, both the “words and the music” feel good to everyone. The business and affiliative roles of the Board feel smooth. Levels of communication and respect are high.

Adjourn: 12:45 pm

Attended: Susan Adler, Bob Anderson, Nancy Hooyman, Ann Lawrence, Denise Lishner, Nancy Robb, John Rochford, (Jeanne Marie was present for Ann’s tribute and then had to leave).

Guests: Audrey Hansen, Barbara Oswald (both newly-elected to the Board and beginning their terms in January of 2023)

Staff: Denise Klein

Next Meeting: Monday, January 9, 2023, hopefully at the Memory Hub, from 10:30 am - 12:45 pm

Thanks for the memory
Of gardens on display
Where backyard concerts play
On Nature walks
Tender talks
And metaphor bouquets
How lovely it was

Thanks for the memory
When we were in great need
You stepped up with speed
Our bank account
Was almost out
And now we're flush indeed
How lovely it was

Thanks for the memory
When agendas ran on and on
'cause someone yammered on
You smiled your best
Took it all in jest
And somehow carried on
How lovely it was

Thanks for the memory
With endless calls to make
And even more to take
A smile to bear
Tearing out your hair
And never sounding fake
How lovely it was

Thanks for the memory
A wise and patient friend
Who listened to the end
Their hand on the door
Can I say a bit more?
How lovely it was

Thanks for the memory
Where will the future lead?
Ice Cream stores indeed
An extra scoop
Eaten on the stoop
Oh how my heart bleeds
How lovely it will be