

ROCHESTER AREA BRIDGE ASSOCIATION

BOARD OF DIRECTORS MEETING MINUTES

TEMPLE B'RITH KODESH, ROCHESTER, NY

JULY 30, 2018

PRESENT: Gary Gottermeier, Kathy Landon, Roger Woodin, Scootie Seeman, Jane Romal, Jack Kress, Jan Egger, Ken Knight, Lois Sanders, Doug Bradley and Pat Connell and guest, Tom Long. Absent were Barbara McIver, Priscilla Brown and Bill Hettrick.

The meeting was called to order by President Gary Gottermeier at 3:30 p.m.

MINUTES: Kathy moved to approve the minutes of our April 19th meeting , Ken seconded and all approved.

TREASURER'S REPORT: Kathy reported on the Spring tournament and gave us our current balance of \$10,000 in the treasury. She stated that a complete report would be delivered at the Fall Sectional tournament in Webster.

MENTORING PROGRAM: This program has been in existence since 2016, and our guest, Tom Long, spoke to us about a young man with severe disabilities, who is confined to St. John's Nursing Home. Tom has been working with him after the man expressed an interest in the game of bridge. He asked for volunteers to help in this endeavor. Susan McCartney had agreed to assist, and Gary asked Priscilla to follow up on the project along with other mentoring requests. For information we may call Tom at 364-3743.

TOURNAMENTS: There will be no events held at the Moose Club next year. Until we are able to acquire or lease a bridge center, our tournaments will be held at the Knights of Columbus in Webster. They charge us \$300 per day for the use of their facility where we have use of a small kitchen. Bill and Pat will co-chair the Fall Sectional there on October 6th and 7th. Bagels and cream cheese, coffee, clementines and grapes will be served at registration on Saturday; doughnuts, coffee on Sunday. A \$6.00 lunch will be served on Sunday to include wraps, subs, chips, pistachio salad, green salad, vegetable tray, soft drinks and large fruit salad along with desserts donated by the members. Wegmans will furnish the subs, wraps, chips and drinks. Pat will make a large green salad; Sandy, the pistachio salad and Jane will bring the fruit. Members are asked to bring either a dessert or an appetizer. A NAP (North American Pairs) game will be held at Potter's Place in Fairport on Wednesday, October 13, 2018.

NOMINATING COMMITTEE: Jane and Gary have agreed to serve as recruiters, and Scootie will do so for the 299ers.

BRIDGE CENTER: For over 30 years there has been an attempt to acquire a building, but it has proven difficult. The big advantages would be the ease of use, not having to move tables, permanent storage and reliability of access (There have been times when the

temples are not available because of religious or social events.) The Fred Astaire Dance Studio in Winton Place is under consideration along with the Carlson Building on Blossum Road and Humbolt Street. Also the Clover Lanes Bowling Alley, the Henrietta Town Park Recreation Center, Irondequoit Mall and a Rite Aid store on Ridge Road are under consideration. Those sites on the West side of the city were rejected as being too far for most of our members to travel. We need approximately 5,000 to 6,000 square feet of space, kitchen facilities and adequate parking. Men from RABA: Roger, Gary, Dick Wilson, Ron Middleman and Jerry Weiss have been asked to continue the search; and others have been asked to report buildings they think might fit our needs. Lois asked Doug to place an ad in the RABA Website, asking for places to rent.

DIRECTORY: Every 3-6 months we hope to have an updated directory, available to members at a minimal charge.

YOUTH PROGRAM: Ken has been actively pursuing local schools to include bridge lessons in their elective programs. Middle school students have been mainly targeted since they seem most interested. These programs may not require certified teachers. Ken will continue to look into this. He would like to produce flyers to advertise the program, but Jane moved that we put the project on hold until we have more information. Kathy seconded, and all approved except Ken.

TEMPLE B'RITH KODESH: This temple will not be available after November because other Jewish temples are combining to use the facility, and there will be no room for us.

COFFEE MUGS: Priscilla had previously suggested that we each bring our own coffee mugs to reduce the need for Styrofoam and garbage accumulation. Preferred would be covered cups to prevent spilling. So far this hasn't been universally accepted. Maybe it needs to be addressed again.

NEXT MEETING: Monday, October 15, 2018 at Temple B'rith Kodesh after the game there.

MOTION TO ADJOURN: Kathy moved to adjourn, Scootie seconded and all approved.

RESPECTFULLY SUBMITTED,

Patricia Connell, Secretary