

# Olympia Branch Council

Meeting Minutes – 4/14/2021

*Teleconference*

## Attendees

Officers: *Neal Kirby, Bob Keranen, Dean Taylor, Mike Kretzler, Maxine Dunkelman, Virginia Haas, Scott Carlson, Beth Peden*

Guests: *Greg Lovelady, Julie Dasso*

## Agenda Items

Meeting called to order at 6:02pm

Approval of March 2021 minutes

- The March minutes were approved by all

Social Committee – Virginia Haas and Maxine Dunkelman

- Summer picnic – we are still thinking we may incorporate some of the fall banquet elements into the summer picnic. There are advantages to this: less cost, more environmentally friendly, family programs would come, outdoor environment. Main drawback is that student recognition would be difficult since courses are not complete yet. The board likes the idea of combining the banquet with the summer picnic and approval was given to start planning the event. Tentative date is the last Thursday in July.

Yearly Budget – Neal Kirby

- Neal and Beth are setting a May 8 deadline for each committee to submit their budgets. Our due date to submit our overall budget to the Program Center is June 4.

Course Fees and Budget Considerations – Neal Kirby and Bob Keranen

- The program center has notified us we have \$7,500 for “volunteer development or recognition” and we have until Sept 30 to use it. Neal wants to form a committee of three to determine how this money should be used. Julie D. and Scott C. volunteered to be on this committee.

Annual Mountaineers Gala – Neal Kirby

- This is the year’s biggest Mountaineers fundraiser, it’s April 29, 7 – 8 pm, and you can join on the Mountaineers website.

## Banff Mountain Film Festival

- Thanks to Mike Riley for all the work on this. Just wanted to remind people of our virtual film festival at this site (thanks Dee Ann for preparing this): <https://www.mountaineers.org/blog/olympia-is-bringing-you-the-l-banff-mountain-film-festival-virtual-world-tour> or go directly to the film society site for signing up for the program: <https://olympiafilmsociety.org/banff-2021/>

## Activity Reports

### Left-Over Gift Inventory – Neal Kirby

- On April 26, the Program Center will mail out a letter to branch committees with a request form if you want any of their left-over gift inventory.

### Officer Nominations – Neal Kirby

- It's time to start thinking about future officers. The Chair-elect, Social Committee, and Treasurer positions will need to be filled. Scott Carlson will lead this effort.

### Navigation – Mike Kretzler

- Students are three-quarters of the way through their course. Mike doesn't see a need to rent rooms in future years because the on-line content worked so well.

### Basic Climbing – Julie Dasso

- An instructor meeting is planned for next Tuesday to go over instructor resources – videos and Google Classroom materials. She is concerned that volunteer engagement is dropping off. She will be passing out Mountaineers-branded swag to build community.

### MOFA – Bob Keranen

- Chris Hill will be running a course later this month. Students will need to find a first aid/CPR course on-line. We are also doing two virtual WFR courses through BASE Medical. Bob K. and Marko Pavela have shared about wording on our requirement of MOFA in intermediate in light of changes in First Aid instruction.

## Branch Officer Reports

### Treasurer – Beth Peden

- Will be working on the budget soon.

### Director – Mike Kretzler

- A director's retreat recently occurred. Building a new forum for volunteerism. Governance committee submitted nine changes to the by-laws – draft language will come out in May for a final decision in August. Mountaineers Books is having a huge year. Reserves have been growing for several

months. The long-term building fund is at \$3.5 million, mostly from the sale of the Queen Anne building, but will not be enough for another building.

Chair – Neal Kirby

- Neal is on a Branch Leadership Committee ad-hoc committee that has disbanded. He was pushing for a consensus model has been told the current outcome is a proposal that activity leaders continue with some degree of the consensus model.

Secretary – Dean Taylor

- Branch member Ruth Russell submitted an email announcing a stewardship opportunity with the Friends of the Capitol Forest on May 1 at the Fall Creek trailhead (9am).

## **Adjourn**

Meeting was adjourned at 7:10pm