

WILPF Board Meeting MINUTES, Oct. 14, 2023 (via Zoom)

Participants:

Board Members:

Darien De Lu: President
Barbara Nielsen: Treasurer/Finance Committee Chair
George Friday: Program Committee Chair
Philip Cole: At-large Board Member
Martha Collins: Development Chair
Dianne Blais: Secretary, Jane Addams (JA) Virtual Branch Convener
Joan Goddard: Acting At-large Board Member

International Members (Pool of Pundits)

Dee Murphy: WILPF International Advisory Board Rep. and
Domestic Prisoners of War (DPoW) Issue Committee Chair
Julie Kabukanyi: WILPF International Advisory Board Rep. Alternate

GUESTS:

Regina Sneed, San Francisco Branch
Marybeth Gardam: Development and her invited guests:
Nancy Price: Earth Democracy Chair
Jan Corderman: Finance Committee
Chris Morin: former President
Cindy Domingo:

The Lloyd Family Legacy Campaign

Marybeth and Development Committee wanted to share exciting news – Robin Lloyd's gift, which is the anchor for this campaign.

Martha C.: The proposal calls for the hiring of an EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR (ED), which would help prevent high rates of volunteer burn-out.

Chris M.: There are two distinct responsibilities: policy and administration.

Marybeth G: She, Laura Dewey, Martha and Jane Sloane were the initial group; but after Robin's gift was confirmed, Betty Burke, Nancy Price and Cindy Domingo were asked to work on this campaign.

Nancy P.: This gift should help build WILPF and its efforts (including NATO's 75th) and challenge WILPF US to raise additional funds.

Marybeth: Before the end of this month, Robin will donate \$500,000 but it is also possible that WILPF could double this amount as part of this campaign.

Martha: After board approval, the announcement will be made, hopefully in January 2024.

Cindy D.: She was on the board when the ED and staff was let go, about ten years ago. Now we need to transition to a younger generation.

Q&A:

Nancy suggested an advisory board that presents the work of WILPF to the new ED.
Marybeth: Each board member will be contacted. All can contemplate this before the Nov. 18 board meeting.

**WILPF US's 2024 Congress:
Should we go forward with the plans to be in-person?**

Board Discussion

George: Covid is REAL.

Dee: Scrapping it would be disappointing, but she doesn't have a firm position. If a virtual congress is chosen, she wants to recognize the hotel arranger with a gift.

Barbara: She wants all members to be involved

Dee: Cost and Covid are the major concerns.

Nancy: A pro and con document needs to state there would be virtual along w/ the in-person congress. All virtual could have branches meet in-person and virtual meetings could have break-out rooms.

Dee and Nancy talked about possible presenters from the Minneapolis United Nations Organization..

Darien: This is a board decision that should be made w/in the next 10 days.

Nancy: Perhaps a survey is needed to be sent out to the members (like the 2017 congress).

Dee: A program usually goes out by the end of Nov.! Decision needed ASAP.
The survey in 2017 didn't get a great response.

Dianne: Due to Zoom, in-person conventions are less needed.

Darien: People don't know now if they'll come (due to costs, war, economy, etc.)

Barbara: An announcement to members and getting their input is important!

Dianne: The Wednesday Jane Addams Branch virtual meeting could entertain discussion.

Nancy: Emphasize the theme in all communications. Interesting contacts have been made due to the theme.

Darien: Now that the Board has agreed to an all-member invitation to the Wednesday Jane Addams Branch virtual meeting, who will help with some write-ups for a Monday eAlert about the Wed. meeting?

Barbara & All: THANK YOU TO DEE and all for their work on the Congress.