

Friends of Woodstock School Annual Members' Meeting

Saturday, July 30, 2022
9:30 a.m. Pacific Daylight Time
12:30 pm Eastern Daylight Time
10:00 pm India Standard Time

This meeting will be a Zoom conference call hosted by FWS President, Mr. Bruce Davis

AGENDA

- 9:30 a.m. Call to Order and Welcome – Mr. Bruce Davis '73, FWS Board President
- 9:35 a.m. Ratification of the election of Kim Brenneman '79 to the Friends of Woodstock
School Board of Directors – Mr. Bruce Davis
- 9:45 a.m. Approval of June 19, 2021 Members' Meeting Minutes (attached) – Mr. Bruce Davis
- 9:55 a.m. Treasurer's Report – Mr. Steve Van Rooy '68, FWS Board Treasurer
- 10:15 a.m. Other Business – Mr. Bruce Davis
- 10:30 a.m. Adjourn

MINUTES OF THE ANNUAL MEMBERS' MEETING
FRIENDS OF WOODSTOCK SCHOOL, INC.
Saturday, June 19, 2021, 8:00 a.m. Pacific Daylight Time
Via Zoom Conference Call

CALL TO ORDER AND WELCOME

FWS President, Mr. Bruce Davis '73, called the meeting to order at 8:10 a.m.

Board Members Present

Stephen Alter
Craig Cook
Bruce Davis
Lucy Dorenfeld
Suzanne Hanifl
Sharon Seto
David Shastry
Steve Van Rooy

Emeritus Member Present

Glenn Conrad

Staff Present

Connie Wheeler
David Wheeler

Members Present

Twenty-five members were present and a quorum was met.

RATIFICATION OF BOARD MEMBERS AND OFFICERS – MR. BRUCE DAVIS

Board Members

Stephen Alter
Craig Cook
Bruce Davis
Lucy Dorenfeld
Suzanne Hanifl
Sharon Seto
David Shastry
Steve Van Rooy

Emeritus Member

Glenn Conrad

Board Officers

Bruce Davis, President
David Shastry, Vice President
Steve Van Rooy, Treasurer
Lucy Dorenfeld, Secretary

Discussion followed about the number of members needed for a quorum and recognition of time zones for this virtual meeting.

Motion for Ratification of the Board and Board Officers

A motion was made by Susan Lewis, seconded by Suzanne Hanifl to ratify the Board and Board Officers as presented. The motion carried unanimously.

APPROVAL OF JANUARY 18, 2020 MEMBERS MEETING MINUTES

Motion for Acceptance of January 18, 2020 Members Meeting Minutes

A motion was made by Suzanne Hanifl, seconded by David Wheeler, to accept the January 18, 2020 Members Meeting Minutes as presented.

Discussion continued regarding the dates represented for the Members Meetings since the fiscal year runs between two years: 2019 – 2020 for the January 18, 2020 meeting and 2020- 2021 for this current June 19, 2021 meeting. An amendment to the motion was considered but withdrawn.

The motion carried unanimously.

The FWS Board will organize the next Annual Members Meeting and date.

TREASURER'S REPORT

Mr. Steve Van Rooy '68, FWS Treasurer and Finance Committee Chair presented this report. Mr. Van Rooy commended the Finance Committee members, their financial expertise, and stewardship, and also offered condolences to those who have lost a family member, friend, co-worker or classmate in these challenging times. Much has changed since we last reported our financial position at the January 2020 Reunion in Tampa, Florida.

With your steadfast support and a strong investment portfolio:

- Our net assets increased by \$157,178 from January 1, 2020 through May 31, 2021.
- During that time FWS made \$836,253 in grants consisting of,
 - \$270,000 for the Centre for Imagination,
 - \$206,762 for the renovation of eight classrooms,
 - \$131,133 in emergency COVID relief at Woodstock,
 - \$119,079 for 12 scholarships,
 - \$35,733 for the Woodstock Science Department,
 - \$30,351 for the Hanifl Centre Virtual Mountain Festival,
 - \$24,850 for the purchase of a new portable sound system at Woodstock,
 - \$12,350 for the Class of 1970 Woodstock Employees Childrens' Education Fund,
 - \$5,420 for the purchase of new archive storage cabinets at Woodstock,
 - And \$575 in support of Ja Ho Indian Restaurant's Go Fund Me account. Sadly, the restaurant was damaged shortly after they catered our Hindustani Khana Dinner for the Tampa 2020 reunion.

In review, we covered our expenses, made \$836,253 in grants, and realized a net increase in assets of \$157,178 - "to each of you we say 'well done, and thank you again for your support.' " Mr. Van Rooy noted that \$200,000 in income was from alumni gifts. Mr. Van Rooy was thanked for this report.

Helen Arnott '60 asked about Canadian Friends of Woodstock School and Canadian funds. Marlin Schoonmaker '67, who is board member for Canadian Friends of Woodstock School, clarified that CFWS is a separate non-profit and, as such, a separate funding stream but FWS and CFWS share a common interest and challenge. Kutty Krishnan, interim Woodstock Director of Development and Director of the Hanifl Centre, added that separate grant requests from Woodstock are sent to each non-profit: Friends of Woodstock School (FWS) and Canadian Friends of Woodstock School (CFWS).

Motion for Approval of the Treasurer's Report

A motion was made by Glenn Conrad and seconded by Suzanne Hanifl to accept the Treasurer's Report. The motion carried unanimously.

OTHER BUSINESS

Mr. Davis asked Sharon Seto, Alumni Committee Chair and Virtual Event Planning Committee Chair, to update members about the virtual reunion. Ms. Seto reviewed what was planned for each day, the pre-recorded sessions, live sessions, noting that everyone will have a chance to see these recordings at later date and also on Woodstock's YouTube channel. Planning Committee members were thanked for many months of hard work.

Mr. Davis talked about the year's challenges, meetings of the Board and Committees via Zoom, and that support comes in many different ways. Much appreciation and thanks were also given to Woodstock Principal, Dr. Craig Cook and to K. Kutty Krishnan. Mr. Krishnan will be leaving Woodstock at the end of June.

Woodstock is still in the process of hiring staff for the Alumni Office and Hanifl Centre. Akshay Shaw is the new Director of the Hanifl Centre. Many thanks to K. Kutty Krishnan for the Hanifl Centre's robust programs and partnerships that have been built around the world.

Marlin Schoonmaker '67 thanked Suzanne Hanifl, Stephen Alter, K. Kutty Krishnan, and Aditya Manral for their work on the Mountain Festival.

Mary Girard '76 looks forward to welcoming everyone to Madison, Wisconsin for an in-person reunion in 2022, if possible. Ms. Girard will be leading that local planning committee.

ADJOURN

Motion to Adjourn

With no further business coming before the Annual Members Meeting, Sharon Seto moved to adjourn, the motion was seconded by Marlin Schoonmaker and carried unanimously. The meeting adjourned at 9:00 a.m.

Prepared by:
Connie Wheeler