

Minutes Unit 116 Western New York of the ACBL  
Meeting of Board of Directors

April 7, 2017

**Members present: Carol Bedell, Jim Gullo, Betty Metz, Sue Neubecker, Tova Reinhorn, Gay Simpson, Denise Slattery, Paul Zittel;**

**Absent: Chip Kean**

- The meeting was called to order by Betty Metz at 2:00pm.
- **Minutes** of March 10, 2017 were accepted.
- **Treasurer's report** noted a balance of \$16,084.28 as of 4/2/17; outstanding Site Deposits are \$1,750.00 through 12/18/2018;

**Committee Reports:**

- **Website:** n/a.
- **Site and sanctions:** sanctions for Annual Meeting in December of 2018 and 2019 are unavailable; all sanctions have been received for Sectionals through 2019.
- **Sunshine:** 6 cards sent;
- **Publicity:** Buffalo News will have Spring Sectional information;
- **Director Supplies:** Gene Nawotniak will bring supplies to Sectional;
- **Refreshment Supplies:** Paul has supplies for Sectional and will bring the soda pop;
- **BUFF:** June 21 is deadline for next BUFF. Request to send insertions sooner rather than at the last minute;
- **Education:** Youth recruitment continues for the beginner bridge class to be held 7/6 - 8/31 2017 Thursdays 9-11 AM for middle school and high school students. Most Chinese families in WNY have received a flyer advertising this class. Carol has personally visited the Chinese School to pass out flyers and answer questions. Kathy Pollock and Carol have made contact with the Catholic middle schools, visits forthcoming. Fred Yellen has contacted the Buffalo Teachers Union; flyers will be distributed to all Buffalo teachers/members of the union. Carol together with a current student in our youth bridge program will be addressing the gifted and talented classes at Transit Middle School. The summer class has been advertised in The Buffalo Evening News as well as The Amherst Bee. Please contact Carol at lorac5@roadrunner.com if you know someone who might be interested in taking this class. The minimum suggested age is 10 years old.
- **Fifth Column:** Denise will submit the next insert. The Fifth Column is sent electronically.
- **Membership:** 3 new members;
- **Electronic Contact:** n/a.

- **By-Laws:** n/a
- **Election:** n/a
- **Conduct and Ethics:** n/a.
- **Volunteer Hall of Fame:** n/a.

#### **Old Business**

- **Student Mentoring Program:** Jim Gullo and Fred Yellen are asking for Non-Life masters to play with Students during the NLM tournament on May 20 & 21.
- **Spring Sectional:** J&L BBQ food truck available for Friday and Saturday; Subs will be sold for Sunday. Ed Morgan offered to help with subs on Sunday.

#### **New Business**

- **Unit Picnic:** Flyers will be available at the Sectional for the picnic on August 20 @ North Tonawanda Rescue Hall, \$10 US Funds/Unit 116 members and \$16USF for all others. Picnic Chairs are Tova Reinhorn and Paul Zittel. Board voted to give bakers who bring 7-8 dozen cookies or 2 cakes a free play for all Unit events.
- **Fall Sectional: September 15-17;** Chairs are Jim Gullo and Gay Simpson.
- **Annual Meeting:** Chairs are Carol Bedell and Denise Slattery, December 2 @ Main-Transit Fire Hall.

**Next Meeting:** June 2 @2:00pm @ BCB.

**Adjourned @ 3:55 pm.**

**Submitted by Sue Neubecker, Secretary**