

## Serendipity Board Meeting Minutes

Monday, Nov. 4th, 2019 at 6:30PM

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- I. **Welcome, Introductions and Sign-in:** See attached sign in sheet
- II. **Approval of Previous Board Meeting Minutes:** Previously Sent Out
- III. **Financial Report Review:** See attached.
- IV. **Team D Status Discussion**
  - a. **Visiting Previous Team D Members:**
  - b. Holly Boyett attending the meeting and Joe McNamara by written statement both said that Team D never voted to dissolve their team and resign from Serendipity. The team did vote not to host a party because several team members resigned from Serendipity leaving them with only nine members. At the September 9<sup>th</sup> Board meeting, two representatives from Team D (their team leader and one board member) notified the board that their team would not be hosting a party in the October/November period. Further, the board was given to understand that their team voted to leave Serendipity. This was the understanding of the full board members attending the meeting. The board voted to approve Team D's request to be dissolved and going forward the remaining nine members will be permitted to submit applications to rejoin Serendipity and be placed in the pool of available members. They would then be eligible to be picked up by other teams as openings become available.
  - c. Regardless as to this misunderstanding, it is the responsibility and obligation to host a team party during their two-month period. Teams cannot be expected to shirk their responsibility and expect to remain in good standing with the Serendipity Club. The position of the Board of Directors remains unchanged and that Team D be dissolved and their remaining members be allowed to reapply to the club and be treated as new applicants. To date, only one of the nine members have chosen to reapply and their application was approved by the Board.
- V. **New Business**
  - a. **New Member Candidates**
    1. **Low Davis** – Approved by Board and will join Team F.
  - b. **Available Members:**
    1. **Holly Boyett** – Waiting for a Team
    2. **Linda DiPiero** – Declined Team D, Waiting for a Team
    3. **Ellie Trockman** – Left Team B, on Hold
    4. **Jean Makarewicz** – Declined Team D, Waiting for a Team
    5. **Jay Tinter** – Waiting for a Team
  - c. **Team F Party Status** – Party date will be Saturday, April 4, 2020
  - d. **Upcoming Party Dates:**
    1. **Team E Party Dates** – Saturday, February 1, 2020. After Party Tuesday, February 11, 2020.
    2. **Christmas Party Date** – Saturday, December 7, 2019. American Legion Club 202.
  - e. **Club Guidelines Discussion**

## 1. Available Members

- i. Team D Recommendations that newly approved members be assigned to the team hosting the next party was rejected by the Board. Further, Team D has no standing in the Serendipity Club and going forward will not be recognized.
- ii. Establishing a \$50.00 fee to attend parties for members not yet assigned to a team. Going forward new members not immediately assigned to a team and existing available members will be required to pay \$50.00 to the Host Team for any party they attend. Payment must be made to the host team's treasurer at the time of their RSVP. This change will be incorporated into Serendipity's Club Guidelines at the next updating.

2. **No-Shows:** No-shows are defined as members who RSVP yes to attend a Team Party and then do not notify the host team that they are unable to attend. Serendipity teams strive to host fun and memorable parties for the enjoyment of members and invited guests. Over the past two years, no-shows have reached as many as nine and have averaged five no-shows per party over the past eleven parties. In an effort to reduce the number of no-shows and control party costs the below policy was approved by Board vote and will be implemented immediately.

- a. A member who RSVP's yes and then is unable to attend the party must notify the host team no later than the day of the party that they are unable to attend. This allows the host team to invite an additional guest to fill this opening.
- b. Failure to notify the host team will result in a \$50.00 penalty payable to the host team's treasurer.
- c. Failure to pay the \$50.00 will result in the member being barred from attending subsequent parties until the penalty is paid.
- d. Names of no-show members will be reported to the Board as part of the host team's party recap information and will be published in the Board's meeting minutes.

Understandably, emergencies happen. However, a simple courtesy call, text message or email to the RSVP contact on the invitation, even on the day of the party, is in order. Common courtesy dictates that you let someone know of your change in plans so that a guest from the waiting list can be invited to take your place.

- f. **Club's Insurance Policies:** New Insurance policies are in place with State Farm Insurance. Billy Joe was able to obtain insurance coverage for the club at almost half the costs without any reduction in coverage. Kudos to Billy Joe.

## VI. Open Discussion

- a. Team H presented several proposals. They were:
  - i. Perspective new members cannot choose their team to join. This recommendation was rejected by the Board as this issue was previously discussed at the March 4<sup>th</sup>, May 6<sup>th</sup>, July 15<sup>th</sup> and September 9<sup>th</sup> Board meetings. The March 4<sup>th</sup> minutes outlined a process proposed by Sandra Kellam and modified at the May 6<sup>th</sup> meeting. The Board was unable to vote on the new process at the September meeting due to the length of the discussion regarding Team D dissolving. A vote on this issue will take place at January 6, 2020 Board meeting.
  - ii. Suggested a "Recruitment Committee" be formed with the mission to:

1. Build Membership
2. Recruit younger members
3. Method to track guests that attend parties and follow up with them to build their interest in joining Serendipity.

One representative from each team would form the Recruitment Committee.  
Further discussion on this topic will take place at the next Board meeting.

**VII. Next Meeting Dates**

- a. Jan 6, Mar 2, May 4, July 13, Sept 14 and Nov 2, 2020.



We wish you and your families a

**Hope to see all of you on December 7, 2019, at our Holiday party.**