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The Albuquerque Press Club

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6/8/2020 to follow Executive Session

Regular meeting- Called to order 8:02pm.

Board Members in Attendance: Laura Dunagan -President, Justin Cumley -Vice President, Maynard Cowan -Treasurer, Lynn Embick -Secretary, David Hayden -Director, Will Fitzpatrick -Director, Ken Hargis -Director, Sarah Blanton -Director, Adam Gates -Director

Absent Board Members:

Also in Attendance:

Reading and Approval of Minutes

- Minutes approval from a few March meetings has been delayed. They are now available in a Word document. Board members may view and track changes, electronically editing. Motion made to table minutes approval and Seconded. Motion made to approve minutes via email. Seconded. Both motions passed.

Officers' Reports

- President—Laura Dunagan
 - Nothing to report
- Vice President—Justin Cumley
 - Nothing to report. Suggests discussion of member comment on social media, moved to New Business.
- Treasurer—Maynard Cowan
 - apx. \$46K in bank
- Secretary—Lynn Embick
 - Nothing to report

Manager's Report

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Committee Reports

- Art - Mukul Gadde/Justin Cumley
 - Nothing to report
- Buildings and Grounds - David Hayden
 - New flight deck flooring, carpet removed. Upstairs poker room remodeled, wallpaper removed and walls refinished. Dart room floor repainted. To do before reopening: pull weeds, etc. around building. Maynard will get quote on professional cleaning before opening.

- Laura requests a list of minutes spent on Club upkeep and improvements from David.
- Downstairs restrooms still need some touch up paint, put up paper towel and toilet paper holders. David to donate and install (men's) bathroom mirror. It was suggested to make downstairs bathrooms unisex. David will pick up and install new signs.
- WHPF has been working to stop erosion on hillside, and further damage to the building's foundation, by installing drip hose and some plantings.
- Web & Media - Ken Hargis
 - Our social media is taking a turn toward more press related content. Lynn making most of current posts on Facebook, Instagram, and Twitter. Recent post solicited a dissatisfied response from two members, one of which publicly voiced their upset on their personal Facebook page. Motion made to issue statement of stance on racial equality and justice. Seconded.
 - Board agreed that in light of the current events and how they affect our members, a statement from the Board may be appropriate to clarify the Board's stance and the function of the Club.
 - Discussion included comparisons of what other Press Club and national Press Club is doing. All agreed that our Club should be a conduit of free speech while it is not our mission to take on a stance one way or another. We function to support the press and affiliates. Board members looking for clarification of purpose using the message from the operations manual, which references our charter, the purpose of the club. All would like to add language denouncing discrimination of any kind.
 - Amended motion to create a statement of purpose allied with our current purpose as laid out in our constitution, including specific language denouncing discrimination of any kind and a focus on free press made, seconded, and passed unanimously. Lynn to send out a draft to the Board.
- Membership - Laura Dunagan
 - There have been a few online renewals. All memberships have been extended by three months and will continue to extend until we reopen. Laura would like help with this effort. Question was posed as to whether or not members are aware of their status. Only members who have gotten renewal notices so far are aware of extension. Letter from the Pres to go out in newsletter.
- Newsletter - Lynn Embick
 - New newsletter is based on the old structure: calendar of events, short notes of interest from the Pres, Manager, and Secretary, a few pieces on goings on at the Club, etc. Distributed electronically through Member Planet. Agreed to do away with publishing of new member contact info. Goals: monthly newsletter, membership submissions (op eds), and adherence to a deadline for content.

Unfinished Business

- Rentals: 718 up to date, 716 getting caught up through payback arrangements with the Tres.
- Lynn Affidavit status? Notary availability is just now an option. Should be submitting required paperwork within the week.

New Business

- Suggestion by David to create a re-open plan. Discussion included considerations for a separate session, no date for re-opening has been given, short notice by the governor when decisions are made, being prepared with input from potential rehires. Motion made by David to set up Special Meeting on Wednesday, June 10 at 7pm. Motion seconded by Justin. Motion passed.

Motion made by David to adjourn. Seconded by Sarah. All in favor.