

ACLS Board Meeting Minutes

November 8, 2024

Present: George Hoelzeman, Peggy Parker, Sarah Hempel Irani, Martin DeSapio, Gale Francione, Marilyn Morgan,

Absent: Jay Carpenter, Scott Parsons

I. Approval of Minutes

October minutes approved (Peggy/George).

GALE will post to the website.

II Treasurer's Report

No bills nor income this month. Approved (Peggy/George).

An ad was considered for "Sacred Places" – a journal for Partners for Sacred Space (who absorbed "Faith and Form.") We have funds for PR that can be used.

Membership re-registration is down, an issue to be addressed by contacting those "delinquent" members and encouraging them to rejoin.

PEGGY will contact Simon Kaufman regarding pricing for ads and announcement for their awards.

III. Communication – To be done:

- Engage with FDLC. (Federation of Diocesan Liturgical Commissions)
- Exhibit at annual FDLC conference.
- Communication committee brainstorm about how to get ACLS "in front of" dioceses.
- Customize our advertising to appeal to various ideologies.
- Ads in diocesan newspapers, etc.

Sarah will not be able to chair Communication Committee but is willing to work with the committee.

After discussion, it was determined that a note to all the members is needed, to solicit their active assistance. "Please select one committee

to join. We need you, here are the committees we need assistance with. Set a deadline.”

SARAH will set up the survey if **PEGGY** will write a draft of the letter to send to all. After refinement, it will go to **SARAH** as a Google Survey.

- IV. Membership – Jay wrote a membership solicitation, and Peggy offered suggestions. As an incentive to members, a one-year free membership will be offered to those who recruit a new member. We need to get others who are “delinquent” to renew.

JAY will send the membership solicitation to potential members.

PEGGY will contact **JAY** to get the solicitation letter out.

PEGGY will talk to Jay about this.

Brainstorm: Could others who are supportive of our work join? (clergy, pastoral minister, etc.) They might be “Supporters of the liturgical arts” or “Friends of ACLS” who don’t need to go through the approval process and would have a lower rate of membership. This discussion should be continued in the context of modifying the other categories of membership.

- V. Webinar – Marilyn believes the committee is thriving because there is a regular meeting with a set time, one hour only, and everyone has a specific job to do. Everyone contributes, everyone is “all in.” “Partners in Sacred Space’ will respond to questions in the next webinar. Marilyn requested questions. The webinar will be interactive, with members asking questions. The calendar of webinars is available on the website under “webinars.”

MARILYN will check for the calendar of webinars on the website.

- VI. Retreat – Peggy and Gale talked to American University. They will send a contract in December. ACLS will need to pay a deposit in January. The contract will detail the payment schedule.

Question: How much to budget for the Retreat?

- VII. SWLC – no discussion

VIII. Annual Meeting. The annual meeting winner will be selected and reported in the Annual Meeting Report, sent to the membership.

GALE will send it to the membership. Via MailPoet

IX. What else?

Newsletter – Sarah is willing to do it in MailPoet if Shelley cannot.

GEORGE will contact Shelley, and get the information to Sarah.

Next Meeting? **GALE** will request available dates and times for Board members. Dec. 2- 17. The Board usually meets the second Tuesday of the month. It is possible the meeting is in Google workplace if a common date cannot be found.

Respectfully submitted,

Gale Francione, Secretary