Bridge Unit 131 Annual Meeting

Meeting Summary

April 27th, 2024, at Jewish Community Center

**Participants:** A quorum was present.

The meeting was called to order at 1:30 PM by Aline.

# President’s Report by Aline Zimmer:

* + Aline reported that the Unit had a good year. We had positive results for the tournaments and an increase in membership. The unit has 783 members compared to 774 last year.
  + ACBL had started a 5/5/5 retention and recruitment program. Previously ACBL has given the units 11% of dues to use in retention efforts. Now they are giving a 5% base and ask that the units call members who have lapsed or will soon lapse. Up to another 5% can be earned depending on how many members we retain.
  + We have made recruiting efforts, including mentor games and potlucks. If you have suggestions for recruitment or retention, please let a board member know.
  + We are addressing the increase in food and facilities at tournaments. A committee led by Beckie Stasi has found a less expensive location for our local sectionals, First Church of the Nazarene on State Line Road, which will be used for the Fall Sectional. Another tactic is seeking sponsors for the Regional. Several members have offered sponsorships for the Holiday Regional. Thanks to those who have contributed.
  + ACBL is starting efforts to cut back on online cheating. There is a new software called EDGAR that stands for Everyone Deserves a Game Above Reproach. They analyzed over 7,000 records and found that 97% did not cheat. Those who were cheating have been disciplined; the remaining cases required further analysis.

1. **Treasurer’s Report:**
   * Rajeev Bansal handed out a summary of our unit’s 2023 income and expenses.
   * For 2023 our total income was $98,297.35, and total expenses were $95,306.07. Our closing bank balance was $82,479.11.
   * A motion to accept the treasurer’s report passed.
   * See attached detailed report.
2. **Mini McKenney Awards** 
   * 15 awards were presented by Rajeev Bansal
3. **Election Results:**

* The results of the 2024 Unit election were announced by Bar Kaelter
  + Hong Chen – President
  + Beckie Stasi - 1st Vice President
  + Alan Hiersemen – 2nd Vice President
  + Beth Malone – Secretary
  + Trisha Pitts - Treasurer
  + Members-at-Large
    - * Jill Ferrel
      * Marjory Rion
      * Chad Fisher
      * Shawn Tate
      * Lynne Wenski

Respectfully Submitted,

Beth Malone, Unit 131 Secretary