

**THE WOODSTOCK ACADEMY  
MINUTES OF THE MEETING  
Annual Corporators Meeting  
South Campus  
Auditorium / Center for the Arts  
August 21, 2018  
7:00 p.m.**



These minutes are for informational purposes

**PRESENT**

**CORPORATORS:** A. Favreau, J. Larrow, H. Singleton, K. Xeller, A. Walker, Jr., A. Walker, Sr., Jeri Musumeci, S. Fredrickson, Charles Bentley, M. Beckwith, Cary Bentley, R. Blackmer, B. Child, P. Kelly, J. Livernois, Joe Musumeci, R. Labak, and others

**TRUSTEES:** J. Bellerose, C. Davis, K. Johnston, W. McGinn, C. Swenson, S. Young; H. Frankhouser, J. Trivella, and others

**ADMINISTRATION:** B. Guillot, M. Harten, C. Sandford, J. Sturdevant, J. Woodland, and others

**GUESTS:** Megan Bard-Morse, Joan Fortin, Bob Smith, and others

**1. Call to order**

The meeting was called to order at 7:03 p.m. by President Swenson.

**2. Nominating Committee Recommendation**

**a. Term Renewal – Alumni Trustee (Replace)**

**MOTION:** (Kelly/Singleton) To move to appoint Jeff Larrow to serve the remainder of Richard Canavan's term as an Alumni Trustee, whose term ends in 2022.

All voted Yes except Jeff Larrow, who abstained. Motion passes.

**b. Term Renewals – Alumni Trustees (Renew)**

**MOTION:** (Kelly/Musumeci) To move to renew the appointments of Cary Bentley, Robert Blackmer, and Martha Beckwith as Alumni Trustees for six-year terms which end in 2024.

Unanimous

**3. Secretary's Report**

**a. August 22, 2017 Minutes**

**MOTION:** (Beckwith/Child) To move to approve the August 22, 2017 Minutes.

Unanimous

**b. August 14, 2018 Special Meeting Minutes**

**MOTION:** (Singleton/Favreau) To move to approve the August 14, 2018 Special Meeting Minutes.

Unanimous

**4. Alumni Association Report**

Jeff Larrow welcomed Jay Livernois, who thanked the group for the honor of being elected/appointed as President of the Alumni Association. Mr. Livernois shared information about the upcoming release of the book, *The History of Woodstock Academy*. He hopes it might be used in the orientation process for future Trustees and Foundation members. He looks forward to marking the 150<sup>th</sup> anniversary of The Academy building. Other topics included the need to restore the black marble Palmer Fountain and the desire for Alumni Association scholarships to support students who need financial assistance to attend The Academy.

## 5. Auditor's Report

The 2016-2017 Auditor's Report included in the packet was summarized.

**MOTION:** (Kelly/Beckwith) To move to accept the 2016-2017 Audit, which was previously approved by the full Board at a previous meeting.

All voted Yes except Jeri Musumeci, who abstained. Motion passes.

## 6. Proposed By-Laws Amendments

President Swenson explained how the proposed changes to the by-laws that comprise the governance structure of The Academy were crafted over many subcommittee meetings. They were presented to the Corporation at the Special Meeting held on August 14, 2018 and reviewed in great detail at that time. At tonight's meeting, the Corporators will vote to accept or reject these proposed changes. Discussion ensued as President Swenson reviewed the proposed changes with the group page by page, identifying the change and explaining the reasons behind it. Questions were asked and answered.

**MOTION:** (Kelly/Singleton) Shall the Corporation adopt the changes to the by-laws as proposed?

Eighteen (18) Corporators voted Yes; One (1) Corporator voted No. The changes to the by-laws are adopted.

7. Other – none.

## 8. Head of School's Annual Report

Head of School Sanford provided the Corporation with a summary of the past year's events and urged the group to read a copy of the latest Annual Report. Discussion topics included how the two-campus model has benefited students; student demographics; the advantages of having a school-wide testing day; the Foundation's successful fundraising efforts; 100% graduation rate; and excellent quality and quantity of college acceptances for last year's seniors. He stated that despite the challenges, The Academy is strong, and the future is bright. He assured the Corporation that the administrative team and the Board of Trustees were extremely invested in the students and the school. No questions were asked.

## 9. Adjournment

**MOTION:** (Larrow/Blackmer) To adjourn at 7:39 p.m.

Unanimous

Respectfully submitted,

*Julie Woodland*

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Board Clerk

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