

DCBA MINUTES  
January 27, 2024

Present: Joanna Auguliaro, Sarah Bryant, Neal Christensen, Ceil Collopy, Roger Eddy, Fred Goulette, Ed Herbst, Anne Liebling, Kara McKenna, Ann Mercer, Jack Parry,

Call to Order – Jack Parry: The meeting was called to order at 7:30 PM

Minutes – Ceil Collopy: There were no changes or additions to the minutes as read.

Treasurer’s Report – Ed Herbst: Total \$24,447 is the final balance for 2024. This is \$300 more than we started with January 2024. The CD earned \$373 dollars in 2024. Ed is filing form 990 for tax exempt status.

Membership Report – Jack: No new members. Four members are south for the winter.

Publicity Report – Roger Eddy: Roger plans to send the February notes out tomorrow.

Charity – Ann Mercer: 31 tables for local charity amounting to \$124. Ann moved to raise that amount to \$150. Ceil seconded. All were in favor. Ed suggested we donate the money to the Food Pantry; Roger seconded. Roger moved we donate to the Wappingers Fall food pantry; Ed seconded. All were in favor. Ann sent cards to Bill Maine, Mary Werner, and Michael Levine. In January she sent cards to the family of Mary Werner, Marge Shehan, Shelley Werner and Neal Christensen.

Kara moved to accept all of the reports; Joanna seconded. All were in favor.

**Old Business**

Tables - Ann Mercer: There were 66 tables in all of November, 70 tables in December, and 39.5 tables in January until tonight. There were three mentors in November and one mentor in December.

Special Dates in 2025 - The Annual Meeting will take place April 5 at a restaurant; Jack and Ceil will organize that event. The Poughkeepsie Sectional will take place

May 2-4. On June 20 and 21 we will have a Silver Saturday event and something for the Longest Day. On July 19 we will hold our 4th Anniversary game. Ann will investigate having Back to Bridge on September 13.

Bridge Lessons - Neal Christensen: Neal reported he will soon finish these lessons, and it will be time to start a new session. He would like advertising for those lessons. Nothing has been done about the wording of the advertisement; someone needs to work with Neal on the text so we can submit it to the Southern Dutchess News. Ann, Jack and Neal will discuss the dates for the new lessons. Neal discussed his ability to consistently finish the lessons. Jack said he will use Neal's lesson plans and help to teach the lessons.

Thursday Night Game - There have been several cancellations of the game due to low attendance and the holidays. Jack is considering canceling the games for February.

Website - Irene worked 4 hours on the website to update and improve registration. There were complaints that important information is not being updated. Jack said to send the information to him, and he will get it to Irene.

Options for Advertising - A lengthy discussion took place. Besides the newspaper advertisements we discussed the senior picnics. No decision was made. Ceil reminded us we can try farmers' markets. Sarah and Anne talked about putting notices in libraries and teaching at continuing education facilities. Sarah will investigate libraries. Ceil will investigate having a class in the school district's program in Arlington by contacting Linda Pucci.

## **New Business**

District 3 - Bill Maine: Bill was not present, but he reported that the district expects to make some money on the regional in Suffern.

ACBL Unit President Meetings - Jack reported no meetings have taken place.

We might need a nominating committee for the Annual Meeting, although most board members have agreed to continue in the same position.

Ann and Jack might need to increase the points in the Tuesday game. The board agreed they should do what they think is best.

Please submit your report on your duties and how to organize events to Jack. Ceil will keep them in a file and send the file to all board members.

The next meeting will take place March 17, 2025, at 7:30pm

Adjournment – Jack asked for a motion to adjourn the meeting. Kara moved to adjourn; Joanna seconded. The meeting was adjourned at 8:45pm.

*Cecilia Collopy*  
*DCBA Secretary*