**Bellingham City Club**

**Annual Members Meeting**

**May 23, 2018**

**Northwood Hall**

* President Dan Raas **called the meeting to order** at 11:29 am.
* The motion to **approve the minutes** from the May 24, 2017 meeting was made and seconded. The motion was approved unanimously.
* Treasurer Nancy Jordan presented the **Treasurer’s report\***. There was one question regarding a drop in income. Nancy explained that income from business and corporate sponsorships comes in at unexpected times throughout the year. The motion to approve the financial statement was made and seconded. All were in favor. The motion was approved unanimously.
* President Dan Raas gave the **President’s Report\*\***. Bellingham City Club currently has approximately 500 members. We are seeing an increasing number of business members. We have a healthy number of members attending all meetings. We’re pleased with--and grateful for--the service and food at Northwood Hall. We’re also pleased with--and grateful for--the crew from BTV (City of Bellingham). In addition to broadcasting our programs for a local audience, they now share some of our programs with TVW (in Tacoma), who broadcast them as well.
* President Dan Raas presided over the **Board Elections**. The nominees were Jim Britain, Bruce Disend and Gayle Helgoe. The motion to add these to the Board of Directors was made and seconded. The motion was approved unanimously. Robin Barker and Amy Kraham were nominated for reelection for second 2-year terms. The motion to reelect them was made and seconded. The motion was approved unanimously.
* President Dan Rass made two **acknowledgements**. First, he thanked Joe Garcia who had to resign from the Board of Directors and the program committee earlier this year. We’re grateful for his time with us, and will miss having him join us. Second, he mentioned no one from the current Board of directors was leaving.
* A motion to **adjourn** was made and seconded. The motion was approved unanimously.
* The meeting adjourned at 11:36.

\***Bellingham City Club Annual Financial Report,**

Years ending December 31.

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|  |  |  |  | **2016** |  | **2017** |
| Cash and Savings |  |  |  $ 42,993.00  |  |  $ 45,556.14  |
| Income: Dues and Sponsors |  |  $ 19,059.00  |  |  $ 13,684.85  |
| Expenses |  |  |  |  $ 14,533.00  |  |  $ 11,039.22  |
| Net Income |  |  |  $ 4,526.00  |  |  $ 2,645.63  |

\*\***President’s Report 2017**

1. Membership hovers around 500 members and we have increased the number of our

Business Members. We have enabled membership renewals through our web site and instituted a ‘Friends of City Club’ level to enable us to bring a major speaker to an event once every year.

2. We had a number of high quality programs that were well attended. And several equally

high quality programs that weren’t as well attended. From January to November 2017 (no

December program), we averaged about 172 attendees per program. In the first four months of this year an average of 200 folks have attended each of our programs.

3. We ended 2017 with a small operating surplus, despite the Board’s best efforts. We did spend some of our reserves to purchase and install a projection system at Northwood Hall which has improved the quality of PowerPoint and other visual presentations.

4. We continue to enjoy great lunches and excellent service from Northwood Hall.

5. Our partnership with BTV enables a wider audience to view our programs. Thanks to the new projector and the efforts of the BTV staff, Dal and D.J., we now include the handouts and visual projections as part of the taped program available both on our web site and BTV. We now partner with TVW who will also broadcast programs that it deems of statewide significance, such as our program with WA Secretary of State Kim Wyman.

6. Our partnership with the Bellingham United Debate Club to underwrite a fundraiser for them was not a success. The event was cancelled due to poor ticket sales.

7. Our Board members, committee members and volunteers who help with the monthly

programs make the Bellingham City Club a great place to spend time and energy.

Thanks to all.