

Minutes of Board Meeting March 17, 2011

Attendees:

David Copp, Robert Franson, Mark Gordon, Inga Hoffman, Ruth Keeley, Chris Le Maistre, Nancy Mead, Corinne Miller, Dusty Miller, Florence Orenstein, Steve Zaslaw

Nancy Mead opened the meeting at 10:05 at the home of Inga Hoffman.

Secretary's Report

Ruth Keeley presented the minutes and they were approved as corrected. Robert Franson shared a graph of the membership growth from 2009 to the present. It was felt this would be a good tool to include in our packet to OSHER.

Treasurer's Report

David Copp reported that the OSHER bridge grant of \$50,000 has been received by the University. Our finances are in good order. There was a question as to whether or not the University has taken 6% from these funds. Corinne will double check.

Program

Chris LeMaistre reported that Brian Liddicoat will be speaking on The Lost Railroad Tunnels of the Santa Cruz Mountains. We may have George Newell in April speaking about plans for the Tannery Center.

Facilities

Mark Gordon said that the arrangements are set for Sunday. He may possibly be gone at the time of the May meeting and if so will need someone to take his place for that meeting.

Interest Groups Report

Dusty Miller stated that Karin Grobe, leader of the English in Action interest group would like to bring to the general meeting some League of Women Voters flyers about a community information meeting on the local desalinization plant proposal. That was approved by the Board. Marilyn Neherer requested making the members of the registry of Chamber Music Players (about 7) an interest group. There are currently seven different assemblies that have been formed from the directory that Marilyn has compiled. MSC.

Craig Miller & George Headley are considering putting together a group trip to Panama around February 2012. Our organization has had group trips in the past. There are many issues to be considered, including liability and insurance. Corinne will find out what the University involvement would be. Craig and George are to explore the idea further and get back to the Board with their findings.

Membership Report

Florence Orenstein thanked Robert for the membership graph. We continue to have problems with published materials shortages because of our growth. Nancy was looking for a copy of the Interest Group brochure to be included in our application to OSHER. Florence reported that we had a problem with a member who was unhappy with a course and requested a refund. We are not able to give refunds due to University restrictions. We gladly give credit for another purpose or offer to credit the scholarship fund.

Corinne reported that the intern position has not been filled yet. The person selected will be working with the new data base. The University data base will continue to be used. These two

systems will both have to be used. It is hoped that the new data base will be up and running by July 1 so that we will be ready for our enrollment process for next year. The committee will work on finalizing the specs.

Publications

Steve Zaslav asked the Board to look at the flier one more time for final approval. Two interest groups requested information to be included in the post card. The Board felt that this information should be distributed in another way, since it was agreed at the last Board meeting that the post card was not to include interest group information. A “save the date” notice for the June party should be on the next post card. Nancy reported that the Art Show post card will not be mailed to all the members but will be e-mailed to cut costs. Steve was asked to include information on the Art Show in the next post card.

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Corinne Miller confirmed that the OSHER check has arrived.

Miscellaneous

Nominating Committee

Nancy proposed three members for the Nominating Committee: Craig Miller, Jim Faris, Faye Alexander. It was MSC to accept this slate for the Nominating Committee. The elections are in May.

OSHER endowment application

We are using August 1 as our deadline for completing the OSHER application. It is due to OSHER September 6. A completed application must be signed by a number of people and having it completed by August 1 should give us ample time to get all the required signatures. The packet will include the existing interest group brochure and the new flier.

Honorary membership

It was MSC to grant Honorary Membership to Lois Widom.

Scholarship Committee

Nancy and Inga reported back from the Scholarship Committee meeting. Following discussion the Board moved that we expand our scholarship application to state that the Silvia Miller Scholarship funds are for general educational purposes (*not to be limited to purchase of books*) for re-entry, veteran and transfer students age 25 and over. The motion carried. We want to be sure to have the **OLLI at UCSC** logo is on the application. It was also noted that the University does not require receipts for expenditures nor are they required by our organization.

June party is to be held at Porter College dining hall. It seems ideal for our purpose. There was some confusion on the date. Corinne will check for availability Saturday, June 18.

Courses

As we grow we should be looking for a second person to help Lois. There is strong interest in Fall classes, but they should be held during September and October as schedules are much more difficult to plan in November and December.

The meeting closed at 12:30 PM

ACTION ITEMS

Robert Franson Graph to Nancy for OSHER application

Corinne Miller Check 6% of OSHER grant funds by University
Check University involvement on excursions
New intern
Reserve Porter College dining hall (June 18 preferred, June 26 2nd
choice)

Craig Miller & George Headley Panama trip planning

Steve Zaslav Art Show info and June party info to be included in post card

EVERYONE Final review of flier – get back to Steve