

MINUTES OF OLLI BOARD MEETING APRIL 19, 2012, 10: a.m.

Attendees: Chris Le Maistre, Fred De Jarlais, Inga Hoffmann, Mark Gordon, Florence Orenstein, Ruth Keeley, David Copp, Nancy Thomas, Nancy Mead, Steve Zaslav, Corinne Miller, Harry Hanson, Lois Widom

Minutes: *Nancy Thomas*

The March minutes were approved as corrected.

President's Comments: *Chris Le Maistre*

1. Lois Widom and Harry Hanson will be attending the OLLI Conference in Colorado in November. We have applied to give a presentation about our programs at the conference. The application is attached to the minutes. We will hear by the end of April if the application has been accepted.
2. Business cards: Fred De Jarlais distributed new business cards to all Board members and asked if anyone had changes to be made. Fred was thanked for producing these cards.
3. We have been asked if our Volunteers in Action would like to work with the Superior Court Family Law Judge Denine Guy on behalf of foster youths who have no one to make decisions about their education. They are considering looking for volunteers who may wish to be trained to help as "education rights holders." Corinne Miller mentioned that foster youths often have no one to help them to make education decisions. Unfortunately, our VIA group has a "one-shot action" program and is not set up for ongoing projects. Chris suggested that when the program is being implemented, we invite the judge or representative to speak at a general meeting and have a table set aside where she can meet with volunteers.
4. Chris asked David Copp to give a Treasurer's Report at the April general meeting. He also asked Florence to speak of the June party. Lois will also say something about activities at the Smith Gallery close to the Stevenson Assembly room, where our general Meetings are held.

Treasurer's Report: David Copp

As of March 11 2012 the following funds are available:

Osher Grant: \$50,000

General fund: Total - \$54,127.85, made up of approx. \$25,000 (Unspent Osher funds) and approx. \$29,127.85 (Scholarship fund). The actual unspent Osher and Scholarship funds will be confirmed by STARS

Events \$4562

We will need to pay the third semester scholarships totaling about \$6,000. Mark Gordon thanked David and Corinne for their patience in working with the budget numbers.

Courses: Lois Widom

1. Nina Simon of the Museum of Art and History is probably going to change the fee charged for lecture room usage. Currently, it is \$125. There was discussion as to what the likely fee increase would be and if this would be negotiable, etc. However, it was agreed to postpone

discussion on this topic till we had more information. Lois did say that currently we pay 25% of what others groups pay for renting the space. There was overwhelming Board approval for continuing the renting of lecture room space from the Museum. Considerable mutual benefits ensues to both the Museum and OLLI including:

- a. Accessible free parking.
- b. Enables the Museum to demonstrate outreach to the community.
- c. Provides increased use of Museum facilities and guaranteed income etc.

2. John Dizikes would like the members of OLLI to be invited to the Dizikes concert on April 28. It was unanimously agreed to restrict our mailing list to within the OLLI. In the case of John Dizikes, if he provides the information he wishes sent, we will distribute it to our members via our email address list.

Interest Groups: Steve Zaslaw is “acting” in this job in Phyllis Wood’s absence.

Membership: Ruth Keeley

1. Ruth doesn’t have access to a current membership list but Mark Gordon says it will be coming soon and the new database will serve us well. Reduction in membership fees were discussed for people who join late in any given year. The discussion covered aspects of fee reduction in a given year to the possibility of membership carryover into the subsequent year. Also, whether we want to change from an academic year to an annual year cycle. The discussion will be continued later.

Facilities and Hospitality: Mark Gordon

As Mark will not be available for the May General Meeting, Fred DeJarlais will assume his duties on that day. Mark will also not be available for the complete meeting on Sunday, April 22, 2012, Fred DeJarlais, David Copp and Chris Le Maistre will fill in. Rebecca Jackson will be performing a short violin performance on the patio outside Stevenson Assembly Hall before the General meeting and some chairs and tables will need to be set up there.

Publications: Steve Zaslaw

Steve needs help with envelope printing. Corinne Miller says “Complete Mail” will be able to fix the problem.

Events: Florence Orenstein

The menu has not been set yet for the June party. Substantial hors d'oeuvres will be served. Help with the décor is requested. There will be 33 tables. Florence will make an announcement Sunday at the general meeting and people can sign up then and pay for the party. The caterer needs to know numbers a week before the party.

Publicity: Mark Gordon says Bob Fransen thinks we need to get a chairperson for this area. Nancy Mead will bring brochures to the meeting to hand out.

Speaker Program: Fred De Jarlais

Fred says he may be able to get Mark Snyder next year on climate and Peter Canese, a historian of USSR history. Florence Orenstein would really like Brian Staubenfiel and Nichole Paiment to be asked to speak about the opera program next year.

STARS: No report at present.

The next meeting will be on May 17.

Meeting adjourned at 11:55 a.m.