

MINUTES OF BOARD MEETING FEBRUARY 16, 2012

Attendees: Chris LeMaistre, Ruth Keeley, Mark Gordon, Lois Widom, Fred DeJarlais, Inga Hoffman, Florence Orenstein, Nancy Thomas, Harry Hanson, Nancy Mead, Corinne Miller, Steve Zaslaw

Minutes: Minutes of the January 12, 2012 meeting were approved as corrected.

President's Comments:

1. Chris LeMaistre reported that the OLLI Conference to be held in Colorado Springs, CO November 12-14, 2012 has invited affiliates to have two of their members attend. After discussion, it was decided that the two representatives from our OLLI would be Harry Hanson and Lois Widom. There was further discussion as to whether we should present a paper at the conference. It was felt that a unique aspect of our Center was the high level of volunteerism amongst its members. This has led to approximately 40 Interest Groups in addition to the classes we run and a paper on this topic was warranted. Chris Le Maistre will check with Conference Committee to determine if a paper on this topic could be included in one of the Sessions. Mark Gordon would also like to participate in the development of the presentation. Harry Hanson, Lois Widom and Mark Gordon will work on it, after Chris finds out from OLLI conference organizers if this is acceptable.**

2. The Board discussed printing business cards with the OLLI logo for Board members. Fred DeJarlais provided a mock-up of such a card and is prepared to print the cards for Board members. The Board approved the printing of the cards, subject to Corinne Miller ensuring that this was in accord with University's policies.

3. The celebration at Cowell College on Feb. 26 was discussed. Chris reported that up to 15-16 people are invited to a dinner that evening following the event. Several Board members indicated they would like to go.

4. Condolence cards will be available at the General Meeting for Phyllis Wood (Interest Groups) who lost her son recently. Chris thanked Steve Zaslaw for helping out with Interest Groups in Phyllis' absence.

Treasurer's Report: None at this time

Courses: Lois Widom requires updated lists of class members from the database at least two weeks before the class is to begin. Ruth Keeley (Membership Chair) is also having problems with the timeliness of the data base. Corinne Miller will check into the process and arrange a meeting between STARS and Ruth Keeley, Lois Widom, Steve Zaslav, Chris LeMaistre and Mark Gordon to discuss this problem.**

Mark Gordon mentioned the need for backup technical support for the courses being presented. Michael Warren will need help with the Shakespeare class as will Miriam Ellis with the Opera Class. Currently, Mark Gordon and Steve Zaslav are providing this assistance but need backup. An announcement will be made at Sunday's General Meeting to try to set up a team of technical support to help with the classes.**

Corinne Miller asked who deals with room reservation at the Museum of Art and History. Inga Hoffman and Lois Widom provided "contact" information. It has become fairly usual to honor the teachers of our classes by making a donation to a program in which they are interested, i.e., the Cowell College Dizikes concerts for John Dizikes; the Arboretum for Todd Newberry; a biology scholarship fund for the biologists, etc. Corinne will see if we can have acknowledgment of these gifts for our records. Or we could include copies of the letters that we send to the teachers in our records.**

Events: Florence Orenstein reported:

1. A band has been booked for the June 9 party. Board approval was sought for their requested fee of \$400. There was unanimous approval. Florence has made arrangements for wine from Bargetto Winery to be served and a caterer for the event is to be hired. The function will be held at Stevenson from 4-7 p.m. Approximately 200 people are expected to attend. The attendance fee is set at \$15 a head. Chris LeMaistre will secure the propane required for space heaters which will be provided by Cowell College and moved to the venue by the campus movers.** Corinne says the wine can be stored at the STARS office.
2. Florence hasn't reserved a venue for the August Recognition Dinner for Board members and Group leaders. The date was set for either August 25 or 26 from 4 to 7 p.m. Florence will try to reserve the De Anza Mobile Home Park (shuttle required) or Brookvale Mobile Home Park (parking available).**

Membership: Ruth Keeley reported we now have 681 members and there are more inquiries. Current brochures need to be more widely distributed to relevant

sites in the Santa Cruz and adjoining areas. Nancy Mead will get a site list from Corinne Miller for distribution purposes, one such site being the Museum of Art and History. **

Facilities and Hospitality: Mark Gordon needs 3 signs referring overflow parking to Merrill College. He also needs a laptop for Sunday's meeting. He also requests more Board members to meet people arriving at the door.

Publications: Steve Zaslaw mentioned we need a nominating committee for upcoming elections. It will report to President Chris LeMaistre. The election is at the June meeting. He also reminded us that the April meeting will be on the 4th Sunday instead of the 3d. He also asked how member signups online (payment of fees by credit card) is progressing. Corinne Miller will check.

Speaker Program: Fred DeJarlais reported we have Supervisor Mark Stone as the speaker at this month's meeting. Subsequently, the speakers will be Professor Sandra Faber in March, Professor Isebill Gruden in April and Archaeologist Mark Hylkema in May. He mentioned we still need a list of backup speakers in case an advertised speaker is a last minute cancellation. He also mentioned that Sandy Cohen of "Music in May" had inquired if Rebecca Jackson could provide a musical interlude at our April Meeting. The consensus of the Board was that the noise within Stevenson would not be conducive to a violin presentation. However, we could create a space in the plaza outside Stevenson where she could play as members arrive for the meeting. If this acceptable, an announcement would be made at the March meeting, informing members of the musical interlude and encouraging early arrivals to participate in this musical interlude.

STARS: Corinne Miller reported that the scholarship committee chair Shirley Forsyth has requested a committee meeting before September. The current questionnaire for applicants has been working well but may need some changes before the next mailing to incoming students. Corinne will also check with Shirley to see if she needs more members on the committee.**

Meeting Adjourned at 12:15 p.m.

Nancy Thomas, Recording Secretary

** Action Items