

## MINUTES OF BOARD MEETING JANUARY 12, 2012

**Attendees:** Chris LeMaistre, Inga Hoffman, Phyllis Wood, Harry Hanson, Lois Widom, Mark Gordon, Nancy Mead, Fred DeJarlais, Nancy Thomas, Florence Orenstein, Corinne Miller, David Copp

**Secretary's Report:** *Nancy Thomas*

Minutes of the November 17, 2011 were approved as corrected.

**President's Report:** *Chris LeMaistre*

Chris opened the meeting at 10 a.m. at the home of Inga Hoffman.

1. Chris reported that the OLLI National Conference in November should be attended by some of us. We need to nominate two people to go.\*\* **Harry Hanson expressed an interest in attending the national meeting.** Programs at the conference were described by Chris. Mark Gordon asked if we might contribute to the program. Our Interest Groups and Courses might be something to consider.
2. Sarah Schuster of UCSC is considering putting our organization on their credit card facility. This would expedite logging in memberships, courses, etc.
3. **On January 15, immediately following our meeting, we are invited to view the opening of the current exhibit at the Smith Gallery.**

**On February 26 at 2 p.m. there will be a special event at the gallery, which includes an exhibit of the sculpture of Paul Kashap, who is one of our members, and a procession to the Cowell sculpture, reenacting the dedication of the fountain in 1966, with music, poetry and "High Jinx." We want to encourage our members to attend these events.**

**Treasurer's Report:** *David Copp*

David reported he sent the first page which was missing from the last report to Board members. Corinne Miller reported the endowment from OLLI has been offered and UCSC is negotiating terms.

**Courses:** *Lois Widom*

**Lois needs information about the number of students in the classes in order to tell the instructors, prepare and send out materials before the classes begin, and set up the venues. She was unable to do this for the poetry class because our mail had not been opened since before the holiday break so the information had not been entered into the database.** There was discussion about delay due to campus closure over the holidays when a student employee was not available. The courses have been very successful but possibly a committee should look at how we manage the procedure. Lois said she would work on getting more help.

**Interest Groups:** *Phyllis Wood*

Phyllis reported the "Great Decisions" group would like to use Live Oak Senior Center again. It was MSC to make payment for this group. There was discussion as to how we fund such groups,

i.e., item in budget needed? Or to fund as needed. Phyllis reported a New Yorker poetry group is planning to start up. MSC to approve this group as well as a French conversation group. They will start in February or March. Phyllis will make 25-30 copies of interest group lists for the upcoming General Meeting.\*\* The list will also be shown on the screen.

**Membership Report:** *Ruth Keeley* was not present but had earlier contacted Chris Le Maistre to say that she had nothing to report.

**Facilities:** *Mark Gordon*

Juan Perez, our tech support person, will provide the screen, laptop, etc. for this month's meeting. The UCSC caterers will try to have more refreshments available. Mark requested new signs for the parking lot directing overflow to Merrill College.\*\* STARS may be able to find a student to help with the parking.

**Publications:** *Steve Zaslav*

Regarding an email sent by Steve. It was MSC 1) to do a membership addendum as soon as possible as a stand alone document and 2) in the February postcard include the February 26 event at Cowell College as well as the two new interest groups.

**Events:** *Florence Orenstein*

Florence reported we are all set for the end-of-year party at Stevenson College on Saturday June 9 from 4-7 p.m. We will need to get the campus movers to move space heaters that have been donated for the event.\*\* The recognition dinner in August will be at DeAnza Mobile Home Park on a Saturday that is available.

**STARS:** The April meeting will be on the 4th Sunday this month only (April 22). The Board Meeting will be on the Thursday before (April 19).

**Speaker Program:** *Fred DeJarlais*

Fred reported we have speakers through May. Mark Gordon said it would be nice to have more top academic people as speakers. Fred expressed a desire to obtain speakers on Climate Science and Water Resources. There was discussion about candidates for election not being invited as speakers but an exception will be made for County Supervisor Mark Stone since he will be speaking about his English Channel swim. Fred agreed to contact Supervisor Stone and express the Board's desire to avoid partisan political issues during his talk.

The next meeting will be February 16, the Thursday before the next general meeting.

Meeting adjourned at 12:00 p.m.

**\*\*Action Items**