

MINUTES OF BOARD MEETING NOVEMBER 17, 2011

Attendees: President Chris LeMaistre, Inga Hoffman (Member Badges), Phyllis Wood (Interest Groups), Vice President Harry Hanson, Lois Widom (Course Coordinator), Mark Gordon (Facilities and Hospitality), Nancy Mead (Immediate Past President), Fred De Jarlais (Programs), Nancy Thomas (Recording Secretary), Florence Orenstein (Events Coordinator), Corinne Miller (STARS representative).

President's Comments: Chris LeMaistre asked if we should continue charging for members' buttons. They can be charged as an expense to the organization (OLLI) and should be part of membership.

It was discussed whether we should have a backup in case the speaker scheduled for the general meeting doesn't arrive. Fred DeJarlais said he would pursue having such backup programs available.* It was discussed whether we should have printed agendas available at the general meetings or whether they should be projected on the screen from a laptop. Corinne Miller said Juan Perez, our tech support person at Stevenson, could do this. Also discussed was that members should not use our email list for mailings generated for their own projects.

Mark Gordon mentioned that Bill Patterson has suggested we try to provide volunteer transportation for those who can't come to the meetings on their own. We can put out a call in the newsletter for people willing to drive others, also on the website and Chris can mention it at the general meetings.*

Minutes: Approved October 2011 minutes as submitted

Treasurer's Report: The first page of the Treasurer's Report was not received by members but will be sent by David Copp.*

Events: Florence Orenstein needs someone to shadow her activities in order to become Events Chair next year. Nancy Thomas agreed to do this.* Saturday, June 9 will be the date for the party next year at Cowell College. Florence will talk to Amy about hiring the Velzoe Brown band. MSC. The University will cater and Florence will check with Bargetto for prices on wine.* The Board's recognition dinner next year will be at the DeAnza Mobile Home clubhouse or at Cowell if DeAnza is not available..

Courses: Lois Widom mentioned members shouldn't have to pay again for the opera classes. Corinne says she will talk to Sally Lester about not oversubscribing the registration of courses, i.e., the Birding class and also to call members if a class is full.* Otherwise, all the classes have gone well so far.

Interest Groups: Phyllis Wood says some copies of the list of interest groups would be very helpful at the meetings.* She asked if one could pay for membership and classes in one check. Two checks are needed but they both may be in the same envelope.

Facilities: Mark Gordon said no special arrangements are necessary for the November meeting. He reminded everyone it is effective to cluster around the front door to greet people. He would like someone to direct traffic at the parking lot if needed.* Corinne Miller will be available by cell phone if backup is needed.*

Publications: It is still necessary to send the yellow postcards as some members need reminding of the general meetings.* There will be no meeting in December, just the University President's party. Steve Zaslou was thanked for the great job on the new brochure. Corinne Miller said she needs ideas about where they should be distributed. Nancy Mead will distribute them.*

Speaker Program: Fred DeJarlais said this Sunday's speaker will be Martin Chester. In January we will have Chancellor Blumenthal; Supervisor Mark Stone in February; Professor Sandy Faber in March; Professor Isebill Gruden in April and in May Archaeologist Mark Hylkema.

STARS: Corinne Miller said we may need an alternative to Stevenson for our April meeting. We may be able to get the Music Center if necessary but it would be preferable to meet at Stevenson a week earlier and Corinne would check if Stevenson is available on the previous Sunday.*

Meeting adjourned at 11:30 a.m.

Nancy Thomas, Recording Secretary

*** ACTION ITEMS**