

MINUTES OF BOARD MEETING OCTOBER 13, 2011

Attendees:

Chris Le Maistre, Phyllis Wood, David Copp, Ruth Keeley, Nancy Thomas, Fred De Jarlais, Inga Hoffman, Florence Orenstein, Mark Gordon, Lois Widom, Nancy Mead, Corinne Miller, Steve Zaslav

President's Comments: Chris Le Maistre introduced Fred De Jarlais who has agreed to be the Programs Chair. Fred gave a resume of his past work as a planner and one who has long been interested in University matters.

Chris also announced a November 12-14 2012 OLLI National Conference in Colorado Springs. Next year we will decide who will attend. Mark went to the conference last year.

Chris has a form from OLLI that needs to be filled out. The form asks the question about which kind of organization our OLLI is. Some offer only courses unlike ours which offers many interest groups as well. Chris asked for 2 or 3 people to fill out the form. It was agreed that he, Corinne and Mark will fill out the form.

Chris also asked that the Board consider whether the interest groups might be bundled in with the dues.

Treasurer's Report: David will be giving us the relevant numbers next month as things are just getting rolling now. Shirley Forsyth, our Scholarships Chair has suggested we give our scholarships on a two-year basis. It was tabled for future discussion.

Courses: Lois Widom reported she isn't sure if we lose or gain money on classes. She will keep an eye on it until the end of the year. Discussion: The new database will determine how much everything is costing. Lois will ask Complete Mailing to flag our printing jobs.

Interest Groups: Phyllis Wood reported a member Phil Lynch wants to have a history group. It was MSC to welcome this offer. There was discussion regarding Jim Faris' request to have his group explained at the bottom of the meeting's agenda. Newcomers to his group are to get preference. We also need a Publicity Chair to get out information on our general meetings. Fred felt it had been easy for new persons being welcomed into the group but some may need a special group.

Membership: Ruth Keeley reported that we have no final head count of members yet. She needs to be able to pull only data of new people. Steve mentioned she should be able to pull data that she needs and be able to get such information. Ruth also mentioned she needs old newsletters to give to church groups and others who may request them.

Facilities and Hospitality: Mark Gordon needs more chairs for this Sunday's meeting. The management is doing a good job in general with the facilities. Mark suggested we continue to welcome people at the door as this is working well. The room needs to be darker for Sandy Faber's talk on Sunday. There was discussion on whether we need someone to interface in a technical way with the facilities which are available for speakers, classes, etc. The MAH is hiring someone new to handle rentals and they may be able to assist in a more tech-savvy way. Discussion to be continued to next meeting.

Publications: Steve Zaslaw reported the new brochure has been complimented. For the newsletter, Chris is to get a picture of the next speaker.

Events: Florence Orenstein reported we should be looking for an Events chair for next year. The Holiday party will be at the Chancellor's on December 4 from 2-4 p.m. Invitations will be sent. The end of year party will be held on June 23 unless school is not out. If so, it will be the following weekend. MSC it will be held at Stevenson.

Speaker Program: Fred De Jarlais reported George Blumenthal will be the next speaker. Fred said he would like a reading on the topics that most interested the members. Brian Steubenville and Nichole Payment's program about the opera they are doing was the best attended. There was further discussion on how to pick speakers for our meetings.

STARS: Corinne Miller had nothing to report at this time.

Nancy Thomas, Recording Secretary

ACTION ITEMS

All: Need new Events Chair for next year. Need Publicity Chair right away.

Chris: Get picture of next speaker for newsletter.