

MINUTES OF BOARD MEETING SEPTEMBER 8, 2011

Attendees:

Chris Le Maistre, Harry Hanson, Nancy Mead, Mark Gordon, Ruth Keeley, Phyllis Wood, Florence Orenstein, Nancy Thomas, Corinne Miller, Inga Hoffman, Lois Widom

President Chris Le Maistre opened the meeting at 10:00 a.m. at his home on Donna Court.

Secretary's Report: Nancy Thomas

The minutes of June 16, 2011 were approved as amended.

Treasurer's Report: David Copp was not in attendance so there was no report.

Courses: Lois Widom

Lois reported she usually sets up courses without input from Board. She makes the announcements at the general meeting. Ruth Keeley thought the Board may need to screen somewhat. Mark felt that Lois's independence is important but it may be a lot for just one person. Lois may need a small committee. Lois will make an announcement at the general meeting to solicit 3 new people to assist her in her job. MSC.

STARS: Corinne Miller

Corinne suggested we may be able to raise the number of people getting scholarships to 28 or 30. Chris felt we should stick with 28. It takes the scholarship committee about 6 hours to evaluate applications. They evaluate applications based on a scale regarding who applies, re-entry people, veterans, etc. The fees for students have gone up and applications are up from 40 to 75 persons. It was moved, seconded and carried that 28 will be the maximum scholarships at present. Corinne also reported the database person is very capable and a re-entry student. The Newsletter is being put out by Complete Mail. We will have a blanket purchase order and it will be sent out by non-profit mail. The Osher proposal was sent out a week ago requesting a \$1 million grant and a \$50,000 bridge grant. No overhead is required by the University.

Facilities: Mark Gordon

Mark reported on new special arrangements with Stevenson. We will have 20 tables around the outside edge of the meeting room with 3 tables at the entrance. The food service will be near the kitchen this time. There may be 40 interest

groups and we need everyone to help out. We may need to move tables, chairs, etc. After the business meeting the group leaders will man the tables. Chris wants the social period reduced to 20 minutes instead of 30. He will introduce the Board members and courses available. Board members are asked to be near the door to welcome newcomers.

Interest Groups: Phyllis Wood

It was mentioned that the Arboretum and Seymour Lab can give talks on volunteering but they are not actual interest groups since they don't have regular OLLI meetings. Phyllis mentioned she has requests for 2 new groups: poetry reading and bowling. The Board approved both groups.

Membership: Ruth Keeley

Ruth reported the good news that the confirmation letter of membership has gone out but the new list of members is not complete yet. Mark said it will take time to work out the database. Membership cards will be sent with the letters. They can be used at the gym. The new brochure will be printed and distributed soon. We have to have at least 500 members by the 1st of November but that shouldn't be a problem.

Events: Florence Orenstein

Florence is chair and Inga Hoffman will help with these. If we want Porter in June for the party, we need to decide soon. Stevenson could be booked now. It was moved, seconded and carried that we have it at Stevenson the 1st Sunday after graduation. Regarding the entertainment we could have the folk group again or perhaps a tango demonstration by the new tango group. We still need **Publicity** and **Program** chairpersons. Next month's speaker will be Astronomer Sandra Faber.

Member Badges: Inga Hoffman

Inga suggested increasing the cost of the buttons to \$2. It was moved, seconded and carried.

The meeting closed at 11:45 a.m.

Nancy Thomas, Recording Secretary

ACTION ITEMS

We need Program and Publicity Chairpersons.
Make sure Stevenson is booked.