

MINUTES OF OLLI BOARD MEETING NOVEMBER 16, 2012, 10 a.m.

Attendees: Chris Le Maistre, Fred DeJarlais, Inga Hoffman, Nancy Thomas, Sally Lester, Mark Gordon, David Copp, Ruth Keeley, Nancy Mead, JoAnne Dlott, Phyllis Wood, Florence Orenstein

Minutes: Nancy Thomas

The minutes of October 19, 2012 were approved as submitted.

President's Comments: Chris Le Maistre

1. Chris introduced JoAnne Dlott as a new Board member and Events Chair.
2. Chris reported the gateway for using credit cards online is being discussed with University Relations. Sally Lester will report on the progress at the next meeting.
3. Nametags: Nametags are available that can be used with lanyards. These have the advantage over the current metal tags in that they do not have pins and so can be mailed to members. People will still be able to buy metal tags at the meeting. A motion was made and passed unanimously to send nametags to everyone when they join or when they renew.
4. Databases: Mark Gordon says he has been getting weekly reports and they are very useful. David Copp thanked Mark for providing this information. It appears that more people are attending classes than actually enrolled.
5. OLLI National Conference: Florence Orenstein, who attended the conference with Lois Widom, reported that:
 - a. Our OLLI is unique in that it is led by volunteers who also lead our Interest Groups
 - b. Many of the OLLI groups are part of the associated University's Extension Services and are led by paid administrators. The classes are more formal in nature and are led by paid instructors. Consequently they evaluate courses and instructors via surveys.
 - c. Ours seems to be the only group that gives scholarships to students

Other items of Interest:

- a. Some OLLIs have CPR classes
- b. Some have technical committees that help members with computer problems. Chris Le Maistre said he would announce such a proposal at the upcoming meeting.

Florence reported that Osher is no longer giving grants (no further expansion). There are now 114 OLLI chapters.

Fred DeJarlais said we may be able to provide for better online communication among members. Fred also said the Sills/Egan music group who are professional performers with a Patsy Cline-type pop, country and jazz act have volunteered to entertain members at the social half hour preceding our general meeting. We will have them playing onstage from about 9:30–10 a.m.

Treasurer's Report: David Copp had none at present.

Interest Groups: Phyllis Wood

Phyllis will announce two new groups at the next meeting. She reported that the Midcounty Senior Center charges \$20 an hour. With regard to Interest Groups, the rental of a room for meetings will be decided on a case-by-case basis. Leaders should approach us regarding financing. The leader of the "Read it again Sam" group lives in Watsonville and wants to know if people will travel that far to attend the group meeting. Sally Lester reminded us that the group using the Senior Center needs to provide a contract to her from the center. She needs the dates and an estimate of cost from the center. Sally reported she received a phone call from a woman who teaches "Laughing Yoga" and wanted to solicit members about a starting a group. She needs to be a member first.

Courses: Mark Gordon reported in Lois Widom's absence that he had contacted Professor Gruhn about the recording of her politics talks. She would like a complete recording for her own use. Mark also said the Campus Counsel's office would get back to him regarding using the recordings for members who weren't able to attend the talks.

Membership: Ruth Keeley

Ruth reported we have 650 new and current members to date. She feels we still may have memberships that have been sent in and not recorded, since she still receives calls from people asking if their memberships are current. Some of them are also uncertain what classes they have signed up for. A discussion initiated by Mark Gordon ensued regarding members who have not renewed their membership. Should we continue to mail reminders to those who haven't paid? He feels we should decide before next year when to stop sending newsletters if they are no longer members. Chris Le Maistre said he would send a final letter reminding them to renew their membership. If this fails the newsletter would no longer be sent to them. Sally Lester said she would like to be notified if a member has deceased.

Facilities and Hospitality: Mark Gordon reported everything in place for this Sunday's meeting. He says that there will be signs re-directing cars to the other parking lot. He asked that we think about using one of the remote parking lots.

Events: JoAnne Dlott

JoAnne asked that between now and the next meeting we send suggestions to her regarding the upcoming events. Her email address is jadlott@sbcglobal.net.

Speakers Program: Fred DeJarlais

Fred reports he is in conversation with several people about next year's speakers. Nancy Mead recommended Alan Richards, economist emeritus. This Sunday's speaker is John Jordan of the Dickens Institute. Mark is a member of the Dickens Institute and asked if he could introduce speaker. Fred readily agreed to this.

STARS: Sally Lester asked Chris LeMaistre to remind people on Sunday of the Chancellor's party which will be on December 2. She said there will be a scholarship recipient speaking at the party.

The meeting adjourned at 11:50 a.m.