

MINUTES OF OLLI BOARD MEETING, SEPTEMBER 12, 2013, 10 A.M.

Attendees: Fred DeJarlais, Chris LeMaistre, Inga Hoffman, Nancy Thomas, Mark Gordon, Lois Widom, Sally Lester, Steve Zaslav, David Copp, Ruth Keeley, Dennis Morris, Gail Greenwood, Phyllis Wood, Matt Miller

Minutes: Nancy Thomas

The minutes of May 16, 2013 were approved as amended.

President's Comments: Fred DeJarlais

1. Fred noted that Stanley Kahn and Rebecca Carter have passed away. The information will be provided by Fred to Steve Zaslav for the newsletter.

2. Cowell College Initiative (Chancellor Faye Crosby Proposal):

Chancellor Crosby has proposed ways our OLLI might provide, among other things: housing for students' families, "Ears in Action," (listening to student's papers), more money for scholarships. Lois Widom also mentioned art shows at Cowell are very popular. Mary Alice Copp will be having a show in October.

3. The Publicity position is now open and suggestions are encouraged.

4. At the Northern California OLLI meeting in San Rafael on August 14, many people thought word of mouth was a very important way to attract new members.

5. It has been reported that some people have trouble hearing at the general meetings. Dennis Morris will look into wireless headsets and Mark Gordon will investigate getting a second set of speakers for the meeting.

6. Fred introduced Matt Miller who has agreed to serve as the Interest Group Coordinator since Phyllis Wood has resigned from the position.

## Subcommittee Reports:

### 1. Parking: Dennis Morris

Two shuttle cars will be provided from the East Remote Parking Lot to Stevenson for this month's meeting. Merrill College will no longer be provided with shuttle service.

### 2. Online Transactions: Mark Gordon

Mark says University Relations is still having problems with online transactions, i.e., the reply form for the Volunteer Recognition Dinner. It is a work in progress. Meetings will continue.

### Treasurer's Report: David Copp

The Fiscal year 2012-2013 report is not yet available. David and Corinne Miller are working to provide the report soon.

### Courses: Lois Widom

Lois reported the Social Influence and Quantum Enigma courses are full. She also reported people will be called if they are in the course rather than that they are not in the course. Sally Lester said Women of the Ancient World signups are coming in now, although there are no online signups as yet.

### Interest Groups: Matt Miller

Several new interest groups were approved unanimously:

1. A Mahjong group
2. A second section of the memoir-writing group
3. An advanced investment group
4. A beliefs acceptance group from a book called "Why We Believe, etc." It will deal with the "why" not the "what" of believing.
5. Building Community – Defining what community is, i.e., a sense of belonging.

6. Reading Phillip Slater's "The Chrysalis Effect" about chaos and conflict and global communication.
7. Health Care Systems – local, national and international.
8. New Yorker Cover and Cartoons – the nature of humor.

It was unanimously approved to invite Florence Orenstein to the next Board meeting to discuss the "Ears in Action" proposal to assist UCSC students in listening to their papers and serving as a sounding board but not as a counseling service.

There will also be room at the tables at the meeting for other volunteer and service groups, such as mentoring foster parents and Planned Giving by University Relations.

Matt will send a notification to Interest Group leaders regarding the setup at the September meeting. He will also provide an updated list of Interest Groups for distribution at the meeting.

Putting "Volunteer Opportunities" in the newsletter was discussed.

Membership: Ruth Keeley

Ruth reported it will cost \$2,000+ by Complete Mailing Service to send mailings to new and old members this year. Steve Zaslaw will send out postcard reminding members of need to renew as soon as possible. New members may be delayed on getting their letters. The membership directory will probably come out in October.

Facilities and Hospitality: Mark Gordon

The Interest Group signs will be available for the September meeting. Dennis Morris and Steve Zaslaw will sit at a table and have their laptops to help people who want to join online.

Mark reported the Stevenson facilities during the November meeting will have bleachers installed for a performance.

Events: JoAnne Dlott

JoAnne will report on the Volunteer Recognition Dinner at the next meeting in October.

Publicity:

Steve Zaslaw will do a job announcement for Publicity Chair in the next newsletter.

Speaker Program: Gail Greenwood

Gail is working on speakers for next year's programs. She usually goes to hear a speaker before asking him or her to come to our group's meetings. She will have a form available at the September meeting for people's suggestions.

Lois Widom said she thinks we should choose speakers from a learning perspective not because of our demographic as seniors. In the past we have asked prominent academic speakers and not just people who have spoken to seniors' needs and interests. She asked that we further discuss this topic at a future meeting.

STARS: Sally Lester

Sally said there will be one or more students who receive our scholarship assistance who will speak briefly at the September meeting.

Ruth Keeley suggested we appoint a committee to discuss how to celebrate our 30-year anniversary next year.

The meeting adjourned at 12:40 p.m.

#### ACTION ITEMS

1. Fred DeJarlais will provide info to Steve Zaslaw re deaths of Stanley Kahn and Rebecca Carter.
2. Dennis Morris will look into wireless headsets and Mark Gordon will investigate getting a second set of speakers for future meetings.

3. Fred DeJarlais will invite Florence Orenstein to the next meeting to discuss an interest group called “Ears in Action.”
4. Steve Zaslav will do job an announcement for Publicity Chair in next newsletter.
5. David Copp and Corinne Miller will provide Fiscal Year Report of 2012-2013.