

MINUTES OF OLLI BOARD MEETING

March 9, 2015, 1:00 P.M.

Present:

Fred DeJarlais, Sally Lester, Steve Zaslav, Jennifer Balboni, JoAnne Dlott,, Mark Gordon, Chris Le Maistre, Peter Nurkse, Corinne Miller, Lois Widom, Cindy Margolin, David Copp, Myra Mahoney, Dennis Morris

Minutes to the meeting of February 9, 2015: Action on these minutes was deferred until the April meeting.

President's comments

1. David Copp and a sub-committee have reviewed and made revisions of the OLLI at UCSC by-laws. Fred requested that an electronic copy of the revised by-laws be forwarded to him. This matter will be placed on the April 2015 board agenda.
2. The updated OLLI budget will be presented to the Board at the April meeting.

Subcommittee Reports

Interest Groups – Peter Nurkse

The Great Decisions Group has been meeting at the Live Oak Community Center. Margy Cottle is the Interest Group Leader. The Group nominally has 40-50 members and needs a large room for their meetings. Live Oak management have been charging \$350 for the room rental and has recently informed the Group that this is to be doubled to \$700. As other Interest Groups meet at members' homes at no cost, it was decided to meet with Margy to determine the numbers attending meetings, and what facilities are required etc. and a cost effective solution devised. Peter will contact Margy.

A new Interest group is seeking Board approval. This is reading Group - The San Lorenzo Valley Interest Group. The group will provide SLV members of OLLI, the convenience of meeting locally. However, membership will be open to all OLLI UCSC members. The Board approved the New Group.

Membership – Myra Maloney

Myra has received calls from members who have paid their fees directly, not online, but not received notification of membership. She has told them that there are interdepartmental delays that account for this but not to worry and enjoy all the amenities provided by OLLI membership.

Courses – Lois Widom

1. OLLI should acknowledge the difficulties that members are having to sign up for courses on line and inform them that sign-up forms are available at the monthly General Meeting. Members can use them for paying their membership and course dues by check or Credit Card. Cash payments will no longer be accepted.
2. Mark Gordon moved that in addition to course sign-up sheets, Interests group sign up sheets should also be available and both should be color coded to reduce the possibility of error. Envelopes for Membership dues could also be available for new members. The ban on cash payments applying. The motion was unanimously approved.
3. Course instructors have a \$100 check sent to a UCSC program or Department of the instructor's choice. However, in subsequent publications, the donation is attributed to OLLI and not the Course instructor. After a short discussion Lois said she will send a letter to the recipient Group informing them that the course instructor had requested they receive the donation.

Parking – Dennis Morris

Parking will be available at the larger Parking Lot at Stevenson on March 14th.

Facilities and Hospitality and Data Management – Mark Gordon

Discussions are continuing with Colleges 9 and 10, and Porter College to determine a venue for OLLI's General meetings over the 2015/2016 period. Currently, Porter College's dining room is emerging as the more promising of the two venues.

Porter has offered to waive rental fees and things look promising. Difficulty experienced with access to the handicapped stall in the Women's rest room will be checked.

Colleges 9 and 10 have indicated constraints as to their availability and are yet to respond.

Mark also indicated that he was fully extended and would like to give up the lead on the database committee.

Treasurer's Report - David Copp

No Report this month.

Publications – Steve Zasalw

Email newsletter is to be sent today, with a reminder that the March General Meeting will be held at Stevenson College.

Events – Joanne Dlott

The summer party will be on June 7th from 2-5 PM at Seascape Golf. An article

on this is being prepared for the April newsletter.

The Leadership Recognition lunch will be held at Bargetto's on August 19th.

Bargetto's will provide the wine for the Summer and Recognition parties including taking back unopened bottles from the June party at no cost.

Mark Gordon mentioned that Irene Lennox had compiled a calendar of all cultural events in Santa Cruz and he is considering discussing with Irene, its possible inclusion on our website.

Publicity – Jennifer Balboni

1. There was a laudatory letter in “Letters to the Editor” in the March 9th edition of the Santa Cruz Sentinel newspaper. The letter described a course on foreign affairs presented by OLLI member Professor Emerita Ronnie Gruhn at the MAH. Lois Widom encouraged Jennifer to follow-up with a letter to the Sentinel supporting the letter writer and to providing further information on OLLI activities and at UC Santa Cruz.
2. Jennifer circulated an updated OLLI at UCSC brochure for comment by the Board.
3. The Sentinel will be publishing a Senior Activity supplement. Jennifer will be forwarding an advertisement describing OLLI at UCSC activities, for inclusion in the supplement. The cost will be \$237 plus, for the first ad, graphic artist fees. Jennifer circulated four mockups of the advertisement for the Board to peruse and indicate their preference.

The meeting closed at 3 PM.

The date of the next Board meeting is April 13th, 2015 at the Community Foundation of Santa Cruz County.