

**MINUTES OF OLLI BOARD MEETING**  
**January 12, 2015, 10 A.M.**

Action items are coded (a) in the minutes and listed at the end.

Present:

Fred DeJarlais, Sally Lester, Steve Zaslav, Dennis Morris, Ruth Keeley, Gail Greenwood, Jennifer Balboni, JoAnne Dlott, Pegatha Hughes, Mark Gordon, Chris Le Maistre, Peter Nurske, Corinne Miller, Lois Widom, Cindy Margolin

The Minutes of November 8, 2014 were approved.

**President's comments – Fred**

1. Enrollment processing difficulties

Of 286 members he emailed recently for feedback on enrollment, 33 responded. 19 reported problems... a significant number.

The bulk of the meeting was a discussion on the pros and cons of a **Proposed Draft of Memorandum** of Understanding Between Osher and UCSC Emeriti and UCSC Retirees Associations to share a half-time worker at a cost to us of \$20,000/year. Until recently student workers have not kept up with processing our increased membership. Mark said our latest worker, Dawn Chance, has been excellent. Question is whether to share a half-time worker with the aforesaid UCSC Associations ( their proposal) or continue with Dawn, or an equally qualified student worker.

Pros: Would provide continuity

Would support Sally's complex work for us at STARS  
Would cost just \$7000 more as present student worker compensation is \$13,000.

Cons: Would the sharing actually work out in our best interest?

**As an alternative**, Mark and Fred have scheduled a meeting with University Relations to try to develop a computer subdomain system specific to OUR needs. Would cost around \$4000 annually but create a far better database. (a)

Consensus: 1. Fix online registration system

2. Prepare an analysis of our needs and bring the issue up again next month. (a)

2. Fred – continued

He has adjusted the upcoming budgets to reflect actual paid members (700) and increased labor expenses. See his attached proposed budgets through 2018. Action deferred on them.

## **Subcommittee Reports**

### **Parking: Dennis**

Parking arrangements are set for the January meeting, same as before

### **Courses: Lois**

She's pleased with the course sign-up process. Sign-ups for Spring Bird-watching and Self-Justification courses are full. Classical Music has 20. Dizikis' on G.B. Shaw is over-flowing.

### **Interest Group: Peter**

Spanish Conversation has not yet begun. Info on contacting leader Dolores McCabe is in the newsletter.

### **Membership: Ruth**

Noted her pleasure with the addendum in the new directory with OLLI information. Badges will be mailed out this week from the STARS office to renewed members. After this, only new members will get badges and a welcome letter. She hopes Myra will be her co-chair until June. Fred will contact Myra and inform her that she is an at-large board member. (a)

### **Facilities: Mark**

The upcoming January General Meeting will be at the Stevenson Event Center. Steve will send an "e-blast" to all members to remind them that this Sunday's meeting will be back at Stevenson. February's meeting will be at Colleges 9 & 10.

**Facilities Task Force:** Corinne, Sally, Fred and Mark have formed A task force to work with UCSC to make a transition to Colleges 9 & 10 Multi-Purpose Room for General Meetings. No official word yet on making the switch to the Multipurpose Room permanent but prospects look good. Mark and Fred had a good meeting with Chancellor George Blumenthal. They also discussed the rental fee.

### **Publications: Steve**

The Newsletter and Directory are out as of this week. Steve was commended for both. He'll continue to include a screen shot in Online registration article to help people navigate. He has not billed us for his \$4000 annual stipend in order to contribute more funds to Scholarships

**Events: JoAnne**

Our end-of-the-year party is set for the 1st Sunday in June, 2-5 PM at the Seascope Gulf Club. 30th Anniversary Committee Chair, Nancy Mead, will schedule a meeting late this month to discuss a special program for the end-of-year party.

**Publicity: Jennifer**

Proposes a "blitz" of publicity for the next 3 months to promote membership. Will take one day a week off from work to do this. Then will work on the Diversity Steering Committee, proposed and voted on last month.

Noted that if we get to 1000 members, we would qualify for another million dollars from Osher. However, Fred prioritizes getting a good enrollment process in place.

**Speakers: Gail**

January: Alan Christie on American-Japanese relations since WWII.

February: Gary Griggs on ocean ecology. She'll send the speaker list to the Board. (a)

Other suggestions:

- Corinne will look into finding past scholarship recipients to come and talk, as part of a general meeting this year (before June). (a)
- Lois suggested a UCSC college retired architect, Frank Zwart with history of architecture on the campus.
- Chancellor George Blumenthal on Astrophysics

Meeting adjourned at 3PM  
Next meeting is Feb 9, 1PM, again at Gail's home.

**Action Items:**

1. Data Management Committee will meet with University Relations.
2. Fred will contact Myra and inform her that she is an at-large board member. Ruth will ask Myra to co-chair Membership until June.

3. Mark and Fred will meet with University Relations re computer subdomain possibilities.
4. Nancy Mead will schedule a meeting late this month to discuss a special program for the end-of-year party.
5. Sally will help prepare an analysis of our secretarial support needs.
6. Gail will send her speaker list to Board members.
7. Corinne offered to research availability of former scholarship recipients to speak at a General Meeting about the difference it made in their education and lives.