

MINUTES OF OLLI BOARD MEETING
September 8, 2015, 1PM
Community Foundation
7807 Soquel Drive, Aptos, CA

Please note: Action items are designated by (A).

Present:

Dennis Morris, Jennifer Balboni, Sally Lester, Steve Zaslaw, Gail Greenwood, JoAnne Dlott, Pegatha Hughes, Mark Gordon, Chris Le Maistre, Peter Nurkse, Corinne Miller, Lois Widom, Cindy Margolin, Myra Mahoney, Mary Carvalho, Bonita Sebastian and Barry Bowman (Speakers Co-chair)

Recording Secretary – Pegatha

The minutes of August 10, 2015 were approved.

President's comments

1. The Otter Project is seeking Board approval to have a sign-up sheet at the General Meeting for volunteers to tally the otter population. **Approved**
2. A realtor's request for an arrangement whereby 25% of her commission would go to OLLI was denied.
3. Dennis has taken Mark's place as "point person" on the website committee (referred to as the Tech Committee) for handling specific issues with membership.

SUBCOMMITTEE REPORTS

Parking – New members Margerie and Luke LaFia have parking information signs for the General Meeting and will coordinate getting them set out this Sunday.

Treasurer's Report – Cindy's slide show presentation to explain OLLI income and expenses to this Sunday's General Meeting was previewed by an appreciative Board.

Dennis received, and Peter read, a thank you note from Amy Hamel for the gift of a life-time membership in OLLI for her years of dedicated service to STARS.

Courses – Lois

Computer vs snail mail registration is still confusing. Senses it is holding back registration for courses. Mark suggested getting help from David Mori, manager of the UCSC website. Lois will contact him. **(A)**

Dennis asks us to have members or prospective members troubled by the registration system call him. He replaces Mark in this capacity.

Barry Bowman noted his Molecular Biology class is starting a week later than posted. Steve will change it online. **(A)**

Mark: Professor Ronnie Gruhn's class may well draw over 80 again this fall.. MAH room capacity per fire laws is 80. Discussion. Mark will set up 80 seats and we will use a checklist of enrolled members at the door. Lois will check into alternative locations for a future class. **(A, A)**

Interest Groups – Peter outlined the sign-up procedure at this Sunday's General Meeting: there will be 7 interest group clusters with 3 tables per cluster out on the patio.

Proposed new groups:

"Climate Change": a 3-week discussion group offered by Pegatha and Paul Seever. Oct 11, 18, 25 at their home. **Approved.**

"Read and Socialize" proposed by Edna Elkins - an evening reading group, mostly fiction with an occasional non-fiction work. Limit of 10-12 members. Meeting at leader's home off 7th Ave., one evening a month. Dates and times to be decided at the first organizational meeting. **Approved.**

Membership – Myra is concerned about the delay between the receiving and the recording of memberships. Bonita will set up a meeting with her committee to work on this. **(A)**

Facilities- Mark requested a strong Board presence outside the entrance to Porter College this Sunday to greet and help people find the meeting room. **(A)**

He reported on a very good meeting with liaison team at Colleges 9 & 10, our new monthly meeting place for the year (starting in October), and outlined several possible joint programs with international focus:

- Explore student-OLLI partnership in outreach
- Take advantage of College 9 language practice tables set up twice a month at lunch time. Post schedule in newsletter.
- Mentor or support gay-lesbian students.
- They will give us 10 tickets to attend faculty lectures in Namaste Lounge and/or their twice yearly debates. Steve will post the dates in the newsletter. **(A)**

The Liaison Team will include Mark Gordon, Kyoko Mori and Chris Le Maistre.

Mark urged we maintain strong connection with Cowell College.

Dennis will include the information that these meetings are co-sponsored by Colleges 9 & 10 on our overhead at the General Meeting. **(A)**

Publications – Steve

The revised introduction to the Membership directory has been sent to the Board for additions, corrections.

Discussion ensued on the cut-off date for names to appear in the Directory. Gail Greenwood moved **the cut-off date for new memberships to appear in the Directory will be October 31**. Pegatha seconded. **Passed.**

Steve will put this information in all upcoming mailings during September and October. **(A)**

Events – JoAnne Dlott

The Appreciation Lunch at Bargetto's was a great success. Everyone who was there agreed. However, in the future gluten-free requests should be handled by ordering only the number of GF meals requested rather than providing it as a second course option.

Publicity – Jennifer Balboni

Jennifer passed out new publicity brochures to the Board to hand out to others/leave in good spots.

She will be going to National OLLI meetings in South Carolina. Sally Lester

will go with her, as a staff person is requested.

After today's meeting she will make a 30-second video of greetings from the Board for the National meeting.

Speakers' report - Gail Greenwood and Barry Bowman

October - David Yager, UCSC Dean of the Arts Division

November - Poet Gary Young

January - Prof. Mark Carr, a fish biologist

Spring speakers - Barry Bowman and Chris Le Maistre

Jannet Ceja will be asked to be the "go-to" person for Mark in logistics arrangements for courses and speakers. **(A)**

Next meeting is October 13, same time and place.

The meeting was adjourned at 2:55.