

MINUTES OF OLLI BOARD MEETING
November 11, 2015, 12:30 PM
Community Foundation
7807 Soquel Drive, Aptos, CA

(A for action items.)

Present:

Dennis Morris, Steve Zaslav, JoAnne Dlott, Pegatha Hughes, Chris Le Maistre, Lois Widom, Cindy Margolin, Myra Mahoney, Barry Bowman, Corinne Miller, Peter Nurske, Gail Greenwood, Jennifer Balboni, Sally Lester, Mark Gordon, Bonita Sebastian

Recording Secretary – Pegatha

The minutes of October 13 were approved as corrected.

President's comments – Dennis

- Reported on a meeting with University Relations (UR). UR will start a much faster, new system to both update our Website and handle registrations. You still need a password, but you create it with an ID that is sent by email after registration. Really not much different, but solves a problem with iModules in non- matching passwords and errors in manual entry of the password by UR. It will greatly simplify the online process for signing up for memberships, interest groups, courses, etc. It is expected to be ready end of November.
- A rolling membership date was discussed. Consensus was to stay with a fixed date. **Cindy moved that we announce that we will open enrollment for membership on May 1st with a due date of September 30.** Pegatha seconded. **Passed.**
- The issue of Lifetime Membership will go on next month's agenda.
- Web Content Management System (WCMS). This new system, if adopted, would move us from WIKI pages to an edu-associated website. Involves training but has many advantages in the long run. Jennifer and 3 others are looking into it and will report their findings.
- Course size issues: Too large for MAH? We are using Peace UCC and will be seeking out other venues. For small courses which take place in the instructor's home, Lois will work out registration using one method, probably phone calls.
- Mark will look into getting a better face-mike for amplification.

- Several issues around membership and interest groups were discussed at length. Consensus:
 - 1) Leaders must be registered members.
 - 2) Leaders should tactfully remind their members to join or renew but not call them out personally.
 - 3) Peter will write a guideline for interest group leaders, as well as advise the membership that if they don't hear back from an interest group leader they should contact him (Peter). **A**

- Issue of who makes announcements at the General Meeting. **Motion to re-affirm our policy that announcements from outside groups go through an OLLI member and are made by a pre- chosen OLLI Board member made by Pegatha and seconded by Jennifer. Passed.**

- Issue of keeping current with handling Mail-in registration: Dennis met with Sally on 10/29 to discuss the problem. Suggestions: Sally could hire a second student worker. Mark suggests looking for a retired UCSC employee to volunteer to help during busiest times (August and September). **Consensus:** We may find a volunteer, but in the meantime, Sally will hire 2 students from the university for August and September (peak registrations months). The rest of the year she will keep 1 student for an 8-hour work-week.

SUBCOMMITTEE REPORTS

College 9/10 connection – Mark

- The next language tables event is scheduled for Tuesday, November 10 from 12 to 2 p.m. Additional dates will be announced in upcoming newsletters and on our website. Mark urges us to check it out.

OLLI Strategic Plan – Jennifer reported they are making good progress. It's a 2-3 – year plan. Next meeting is 11/16.

Treasurer's Report – Cindy

Distributed her latest budget report and went through it. Reports "We are in good shape financially."

Publications – Steve

The Membership Directory will be published very soon.

Courses – Lois

170 registered for Prof Ronnie Gruen's class!
See discussion on course sizes under President's comments.

Speakers – Gail

Speakers are set through April (See list in October minutes.)

Discussed Miriam Ellis as possible May speaker. Miriam requested some time ago that her International Playhouse Theatre Group present a short play either at a General meeting or as entertainment at our June party. Board liked the idea of it being part of a presentation, which would include info on the Theatre group. Steve recommended getting a proposal. Gail and Barry will check into it.

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Dates:

December 15 is the Chancellor's Party.

Next Board meeting will be January 11, 2016, (place to be announced) prior to the January 17 General Meeting.

The meeting was adjourned at 2:30