

## MINUTES OF OLLI BOARD MEETING FEBRUARY 15 2016

Attendees: Dennis Morris, Fred DeJarlais, Chris LeMaistre, Mark Gordon, Sally Lester, Steve Zaslaw, Cindy Margolin, Barry Bowman, Bonita Sebastian.

Minutes: Chris Le Maistre

The minutes of the January 11<sup>th</sup> 2016 Meeting will reviewed at the March 14<sup>th</sup> meeting.

President's Comments: Dennis Morris

Dennis opened the meeting with a review of decisions reached at the January meeting re. OLLI Membership:

- i) Member Annual donations will be set at \$60. Donation will cover both membership of OLLI and membership of Interest Groups. Dennis will give direction to UR to update the transaction pages beginning May1, 2016.
- ii) On receipt of donation, members will receive a welcome letter outlining the benefits of membership, a membership card, and a name badge to be worn at meetings.

Subsequently there was a short discussion on the following topics.

- a. Election of OLLI office holders will be held at the May 15<sup>th</sup> Monthly meeting. President Dennis Morris will request Bob Franson to contact candidates prepared to serve. The positions open for election are President, Vice President, Treasurer, and Secretary. The March newsletter will request nominations from the OLLI membership and there will also be a discussion of the upcoming elections at the March meeting and a request that members nominate individuals who will be prepared to serve.
- b. President Dennis Morris will prepare an announcement for the next Newsletter announcing the upcoming elections and seeking nominations for office bearers.
- c. OLLI Appreciation Party which will be held again this year. Site is yet to be determined – probably at Bargetto's as in previous years.
- d. Scholarships for returning students will be discussed at the May Board meeting.
- e. OLLI members Summer Social will be on June 5<sup>th</sup> 2016. There was discussion with respect to music at the Social. There was a consensus that for most attendees this was a social occasion and attendees wished to socialize and not have to compete with the music to be heard. Suggestions included noninvasive

piped music or perhaps a featured musical act.

- f. Possibility of a welcome Mixer for new members is under consideration.
- g. There was discussion on the printing of OLLI IDs. Fred said that the IDs would need to be laser printed on special quality paper at a cost of \$250. Sally Lester said asked Fred to send particulars of the paper to Sally; as UCSC was likely to be able to purchase the paper at a discounted price from Staples. He would also need to coordinate with Bonita on updating the listing if these IDs are to be sent out to members each year.

Facilities and Hospitality: Mark Gordon

Colleges 9 and 10 which are providing the room for our monthly meetings would welcome further participation by OLLI members in College activities. Our upcoming March meeting is a day before Colleges 9 and 10 commence their alternate Spring Break. This year their students will spend alternate Spring Break in the farming community of Watsonville, working with community partners at the Digital Nest, the Center for Farmworker Families, Monterey Bay Murals, Calabasas Elementary School, Watsonville High School, Mesa Verde Gardens, and Second Harvest Food Bank and explore social justice in the community of Watsonville. To defray the costs of students participating in this project, OLLI members can assist by:

- i) Providing household goods, clothing, shoes etc. for a fund raising sale
- ii) Donate money
- iii) Participate in their “crowd funding” drive

In support of College 9 and 10, STAR will provide at least two scholarships to returning students from Watsonville

Further Fred DeJarlais proposed a motion that “The OLLI Board provide \$1000 towards the expenses of the students from Colleges 9-10 participating in this outreach to the Watsonville farming community during alternative Spring Break”

The motion was seconded by Mark Gordon and unanimously passed.

Newsletter: Steve Zaslav advised that the February OLLI newsletter will be available next week.

Interest Groups: A new Interest Group – Genealogy, was approved by the Board and communicated to Peter Nurkse, Interest Group Coordinator, who was unable to attend the Board meeting.

Speakers: Barry Bowman sought feedback on the speakers and their topics at our monthly meetings. He was assured that all speakers and subject matter to date, were well

received by members.

STARS: Sally Lester advised the Board members that Returning Student Scholarship recipients will be introduced to OLLI members at the September General meeting.

Treasurer: Cindy Margolin continues to make headway in extracting data from the intricacies of the UCSC financial reports and presenting the data in a more user friendly format. Her effort is much appreciated.

The Board meeting closed at 3:35 PM