

MINUTES OF OLLI BOARD MEETING
March 14, 2016, 1:00 PM
Community Foundation
7807 Soquel Drive, Aptos, CA

Attendees: Dennis Morris, Steve Zaslav, Pegatha Hughes, Chris Le Maistre, Cindy Margolin, Myra Mahoney, Barry Bowman, Peter Nurkse, Jennifer Balboni, Sally Lester, Bonita Sebastian, Fred DeJarlais, Jo Anne Dlott, Lois Widom

Minutes: Pegatha Hughes

The Minutes of January 11 were approved. The Minutes of February 15 will be reviewed at the April 11th meeting.

President's Comments: Dennis Morris

- a. WCMS training with Steve, Jennifer, Mark and Dennis is coming up in April.
- b. President Dennis Morris said that in May the new donation structure will be introduced to the registration structure on the webpage.

After hearing financial information from Sally and Cindy, the Board reaffirmed that we will be able offer a package of membership in OLLI and membership in Interest Groups for \$60. Steve will include this in the next Newsletter.

The consensus is that due to our rising expenses, we may have to increase it to \$65 or \$70 in the future.

- c. Porter College is reserved for next September's General Meeting.

d. Fred provided specific information on the ID cards and badges. He passed around contract information from Blank Acquisition LLC and samples of both the combined ID-membership card and a larger name badge. The quote for 1000 is \$571.28. Bonita now has all the names in the database. We will do the printing.

Myra moved we proceed with the order. Bonita seconded. Motion passed.

e. Jennifer will report on clarification of the relationship between OSHER and UCSC at the April Board meeting, as part of the Strategic Plan discussion.

e. Events JoAnne Dlott

1. The Summer Party will again be held at Seascape Golf Club on June 5, 3-6PM. She promised efforts to keep the music quieter and limited to the first half of the party, to aid conversation. Barry recommended 2-minute presentations by 5 or so Interest Group leaders. He will work with Peter to organize it. **A**

2. The Appreciation Party will be in August.

Fred moved it be held again at Bargetto's. Passed unanimously. Program ideas for August party were discussed. Lois urged showing more appreciation for our Interest Group leaders, to general approval.

3. Board discussion on a Welcome Back party at the September General Meeting centered on the pros and cons of having more food (sociability vs expense).

Jennifer moved and Myra seconded that we provide additional food to encourage socializing. The motion passed.

Next month we will discuss a Strategic Plan proposal on how we present ourselves "to the world." i.e., what is our mission and basic

objective (scholarship money or education or ?)

f. Election report: Chris LeMaistre

All officers have agreed to serve another term except Recording Secretary Pegatha Hughes. We all need to work to identify a replacement.

g. UCSC Tech meeting: Bonita Sebastian will be setting up a meeting soon.

h. UCSC Giving Day and Crowd Fund Participation, May 11th – Sally Lester

Sally asked if we want to be involved and if so, to raise money for what purpose? After clarification of what is involved,

Barry moved and Sally seconded that we take part in order to raise more scholarship funds. Motion passed.

Jennifer will organize a 2-minute video presentation for the Giving Day web-site. **A**

There were no Subcommittee reports.

Treasurer's Report – Cindy Margolin

The question raised last month of why did UCSC take out \$5000 from our funds has been answered: they overpaid us \$5000 the year previous.

Courses - Lois Widom

a) Lois is puzzled about the best way to deal with classes that are over-attended and under-enrolled. There was no consensus on how to deal with it. She said she could try a print-out, but there are last minute enrollees; also certain people are able to bring guests.

b) She urged we consider signing up for the new Participatory Drama Class.

c) Larger venues are needed.

Sally gave us comparative costs of for example, Peace UCC which charges \$200 per event and a 3-part event at \$150/meeting. MAH charges \$100/meeting. Barry will check on availability of rooms at UCSC on Saturday, as well as which ones are free. The other issue location of metered parking lots.

The Tannery's Culligan Theatre, the Scotts Valley Conference Rooms, the Aptos Community Foundation (current Board meeting site) were also suggested.

Interest Groups – Peter Nurske

Peter gave an overview of the varieties of interest group leadership experience, presence and occasional lack thereof. In particular the Creative Writing Interest Group leader does not seem to respond to requests to join. Steve and Peter will follow up with Elaine Heyman. Perhaps she would like to be independent.

A new Interest Group, Great American Short Stories, led by Kathy Cowan, will start in September.

Publicity – Jennifer Balboni

Jennifer took out a full-page article and a quarter page ad in *Beach Neighbors* this month.

She will not place ads again in 55+ as there was no response.

Speaker Program – Barry Bowman

Our March speaker is Chris LeMaistre

April's is Gregory O'Malley, a member of the UCSC History Department who will speak on the background of slavery.

The meeting was adjourned at 2:45.

Next Board meeting is April 11, same place.