

MINUTES OF OLLI BOARD MEETING
April 11, 2016, 1:00 PM
Community Foundation
7807 Soquel Drive, Aptos, CA

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

Minutes: Pegatha Hughes

The minutes of 2/15/16 and 3/14/16 were approved.

President's Comments

- WCMS training completed by 4 Board members to learn about OLLI using the University web-site instead of our present WIKI connection. Question: Should we use the University web-site, link to the website, or continue using Wiki?
Pros for UCSC web-site: free, sustainable, better connection to the University.
Cons: It might require a year's work before it can go online, unless we simply link to their website. Sally will check about linking and whether our banner can stay at the top or not. Mark asked that Tom Duncanson get training on WCMS.

Fred moved and Jennifer 2nded a motion that we move ahead to create a home page that could then be linked into the university's system. Motion passed.

- Registration change to \$60 for both membership and interest groups
Gail Greenwood moved and Myra seconded that we fold the interest group charge into the overall charge of \$60/year. Motion passed.

- ID card update from Fred and Bonita.
Sally will contact the vendor and get a purchase order going. Fred will start a file.

- Refining agreements between OLLI, Osher and UCSC:
The relationship between Osher and OLLI was clarified. OLLI must communicate through UCSC to Osher. There is no direct communication. Our only present agreement with UCSC is as a Friends group. We need to have everyone understand that our relationship to UCSC is through the FRIENDS group designation and see if we might expand it in some other manner. Our status with the University is Friends of the University. That policy remains in place. The issue of control of OSHER over OLLI is satisfactory and not a problem.

- June Party
Barry and Peter need 3-minute presentations from Interest Groups. Ideas requested.
- August Appreciation Party will be a lunch on Wednesday, either the 17th or 24th.
Dennis will get a list of people to be invited, along with the list of interest group

leaders. Sally needs an invoice from Bargetto's for last year's Appreciation Party. JoAnne will follow up.

- September meeting. We will use University catering. Sally will send a pdf of their menu packages to JoAnne and Dennis.
- Board position Election. Chris urges everyone to look for a Secretary. Steve will add a note in the newsletter.
- Newsletter: Should there be an option to opt-out of snail mail for the newsletter and the directory? **Lois moved we add an opt-out option to membership materials. Barry seconded. Motion passed.**

Steve will inform the membership of this option in the newsletter.

- Possibility of applying to OSHER for \$25,000 (by May 27) was discussed. There will be no more \$1M Osher Endowments in the future. Groups that received \$1million are qualified to apply for this smaller yearly grant for 3 years in a row.

There was some doubt whether it was worth it as the application is quite long and involved. Other issues are their requirements such as fund-raising and 10% growth. Our growth rate was flat last year.

Sally will set up a conference call with Dennis, Fred and David Blazeovich to discuss details. They will report to the Board by email. The Board will look into whether we would benefit sufficiently and vote up or down by email.

SUBCOMMITTEE REPORTS

College 9&10 relationship update – Mark

All is going well. Our involvement with the Alternate Spring Break program in Watsonville was much appreciated. We need better interface with students next year. Upcoming events with the colleges are on our web-site.

Facilities – Mark: MAH will be under construction sometime in the future.

Barry: Many rooms at UCSC are available on Saturday mornings. Other possible venues: Scotts Valley Community Center, Portuguese Hall, Vets Hall, the German Club, and the Aptos Community Foundation (where the Board meets).

OLLI Strategic Plan – Jennifer passed out the working document. Dennis asked Board members to review it and give Jennifer any input; we'll discuss it next meeting. Sally reminded us of UCSC's excellent online classes. To extend our reach and, for example, connect with Watsonville, we could have a discussion leader there for those taking a class. Dennis will provide the Board with info on the classes from Sallt, as well as the Strategic Plan proposal.

Treasurer's Report – Cindy passed around her current budget report. We have larger expenses this year and are spending between \$6,000 and 10,000 over our income. Fortunately, we have a \$75,000 cushion and several years in which to spend it. But she warns against "luxuries" such as another Board retreat. Mark commended Cindy, Sally and Bonita for their hard work making our financial situation much more clear.

The Finance Committee is Sally, Cindy, Red and Dennis. Fred is the driving force behind the clarity of the finances. We are working on a budget for next year. The amount of carry forward is unclear as we have an increase in the distribution of the endowment.

Courses- Lois: About ½ the membership takes courses. There were over 900 individual enrollments this year. Next year we have a teacher for an 8-week class on Moby-Dick.

Interest Groups – Peter: Status of the Creative Writing group is unclear. Lois knows Elaine Heyman personally and will check on it.

Publications – Steve needs input for the next email newsletter which will go out tomorrow.

Speakers – Barry:

April: Prof. Greg O'Malley, historian, speaking on the remarkable journey of a man who escaped slavery; He's been writing a book on him. Gail will introduce.

May: Miriam Ellis of the International Playhouse will talk and stage some short drama with some of her players. Barry will introduce.

Steve asked for an audio recording of the presentation. Mark (?) will look into it.

The Meeting was adjourned at 3:15.

Next meeting will be May 9th, , 1pm, same place.