

# Olli Board Meeting

14 November 2016 / 1pm / CONFERENCE ROOM Aptos Community Center

## Attendees

Dennis Morris, Mark Gordon, Fred De Jarlais, Chris Le Maistre, Myra Mahoney, Lois Widom, Barry Bowman, Jo Anne Dlott, Sally Lester, Cindy Margolin, Margie Lafia

## Agenda

1. Minutes of October 10, 2016 meeting by Margie Lafia were approved
  - o There was a discussion regarding the manner of recording minutes and maintaining archival records. It was suggested to have video and/or audio recording of each meeting, but there was little support for this idea. Also members brought up the topic about where to store the minutes. Mark thought that perhaps the STARS office would be a good place. Fred also said that physical copies could be stored on a memory stick. Discussion to be continued.
2. President's Comments or Discussions-Dennis Morris

## New Business

3. UC Santa Cruz Satellite Reef Crocheting-Cindy
  - o Cindy went to a meeting at the Institute of Art and Science at UCSC to find out more about an outreach satellite community project. The group is working with the Seymour Center. Volunteers will crochet parts of the coral reef and combine them for a large display that will be shown in February at the Porter Sesnon Gallery. Then in May, there will be a local display. It is a great way for members to interact with students. The project would like to have a table at the next General Meeting. Mark wanted to know if an extra table was needed. It was decided that people from two organizations (Senior Follies) could share a table. Cindy will contact Rachel about the event.
4. Film Seminar-Lois, Mark, Dennis
  - o A question arose about what the board should do about the website information regarding Jim Faris' Film Seminar after his passing. Lois said that we should not push it, but the webpage should be temporarily removed. We will wait until January to look into setting up another group. Perhaps someone else could have a home group with a different theme. On the Film Seminar

web page it will say “on hiatus” and Jim Faris’ name will be taken off. Dennis will modify it and check with Robert Franzen to see if he has any ideas.

5. General Meeting–introduce a Senior Opportunity regarding the Santa Cruz Follies
  - Senior Opportunities will set up a table at the next OLLI meeting.
6. Senior Fair with Dignity/Dominican–Myra absent for this part only; arrived later
  - Fred has finished the table display and the new brochures are being printed. He will bring a laptop for the two presentations: OLLI activities and the second show will feature graphics from Fred’s brochure. Myra will have some additional printed material, such as a handout showing current course offerings and a list of all of the interest groups with contact information. Myra showed up and brought sample brochures. Everyone was impressed with the content and layout and congratulated Fred on a great job.
7. Discussion about OLLI survey–Myra, Gail was absent
  - We should limit the survey to three questions. Consider a questionnaire to send to those who have left to find out why they have left. Fred said that we could go into the archives to find the contact information. He has four years of data in a database.

## Subcommittee Reports

- **Parking–Fred**

- The parking rates have not changed. It was decided to keep the current rates and have OLLI cover the difference.
- Lois thinks we should negotiate with the University for some more privileges. Mark said that we have not ever made a formal presentation for requests with the University. Barry and Dennis are willing to meet with them. They will coordinate with Sally for a meeting.

- **Colleges 9 and 10–Mark**

- Mark spoke about Alternative Spring Break. He compared last year’s and the upcoming “ASB’s” (Alternative Spring Break). He explained that Abbey Asher is an employee at Colleges 9 and 10. She is in charge of Community Service and is the Colleges’ point person for Alternative Spring Break. She was enthusiastic about last year’s OLLI involvement and was happy with our collaboration and participation in the clothing drive. Overall, it was a successful experience.
- Mark felt that the OLLI participation in the Alternative Spring Break was not as coherent as it could be. No one knew who would show up nor with whom one would work. Some members made connections with the students/community; some did not. In order to deepen and strengthen this

intergenerational experience, Mark made a proposal regarding OLLI's commitment for next Spring Break. He proposed that our involvement could be offered as a course ( \$20 fee) with a limit of ten people. It would be more structured than last year, with the participants committing to participate the entire time and work closely with the students. It would be important to have an instructor who could bring all participants together during orientation, the actual experience and the debriefing.

- There were concerns about turning this opportunity into a course. Lois said that it would be worth trying this format, but charging \$20 would be a deterrent. Cindy doesn't want it to be a course. However she explained that her experience last year was less than satisfying. She felt that she was not part of the process. Chris said that this should be more of a mentoring opportunity. Mark explained that regardless of offering this as a course or not, there should be more structure. OLLI participants and students should be able to have a deeper, intergenerational experience. Cindy asked that everyone who participates needs to attend the orientation. Mark liked Chris' idea that communication needs to be strong between OLLI and the students but that OLLI members need their own debriefing.
- On Monday, November 21 2016 Mark will have a meeting to explore OLLI's participation in future Alternative Spring Breaks. He wanted to know the parameters of what he can negotiate. He wanted to know how far he could commit OLLI participation.
- **Diversity Outreach-Fred and Mark**
  - Fred didn't yet have success with his contact in Watsonville.
- **Growth and Participation-Gail and Myra (Gail out)**
  - We discussed how some members have a difficult time getting to the General Meeting. Dennis referenced the shuttle at Dominican. Fred will try to reach out to them to see if they could bring members.
- **Interest groups-Peter Nurkse (Peter out)**
  - The leader of the non-fiction Biography group, Peter Poriss, is a member. Peter has checked on his status.

## Board Member Reports

- **Treasurer's Report-Cindy Margolin**
  - The report is only an estimate for all income and expenses. The balances are in flux due to the way money comes in throughout the year from memberships and courses. A sample of the current budget was pulled to compare to last year's report, similar to a "snapshot." Overall, we are a little bit ahead in money.

- Some of the issues that still need answers are why the spending on publications is so high and how much money we are actually receiving from interest groups, courses, memberships and donations.
- Mark wanted to confirm how much income OLLI receives each year from the Endowment. Sally explained that we must receive 5% of the corpus each year. This year the income is \$62,509.00
- As the year progresses the report will become more accurate.
- **Courses-Lois Widom**
  - The current course list is going well and there will probably be two or three more added later. The Biology course was considered by all to be wonderful. It was speculated that the Moby Dick interest group that spanned eight weeks might have been too long. However, many attendees sent positive letters expressing their enjoyment of the course, so length was not a factor.
  - Lois is delegating someone to set up the Drama course. It is hoped that classes could be held at the Little Theater at the Art League. This space would cost less than holding it at the MAH. We need to find out if the requests are going through. There might have been a change in staff. Since there is a contract involved, it will have to go through purchasing. Lois is not sure if this class paid for itself last year, but there was such enthusiasm making the class worth it.
  - The six week Yoga course will be sponsored by an instructor who also has an ongoing private class. She hopes that eventually the attendees would continue on with the private class. The discussion centered on possible “commercialization” of an OLLI course. We will check to see if there is promotion throughout the course. The discussion continued with payment for the studio space. If only five people sign up, the course would not continue, but with ten members paying \$20, the \$180 payment of the space would be covered. The board unanimously decided to try it once. Mark will contact Abbey to set this up.
- **Speaker Program-Barry Bowman**
  - We thanked Fred for his lecture for the OLLI Sunday General Meeting.
  - The following speakers will be present at subsequent OLLI General Meetings:
    - November-Michael Orbach-Professor Emeritus of Marine Affairs and Policy
    - January-Flora Liu-Provost at Colleges 9 & 10; Mark to introduce her
    - February-Kirsten Wasson-Director of Research at Elkhorn Slough
    - March-Bruce Lyon-Professor of Ecology and Evolutionary Biology - Animal Behavior as revealed by the study of birds.

- April-Lee and Lincoln Tais - Flora Unveiled, the Discovery and Denial of Sex in Plants
- May-possibly John Laird-Secretary of Natural Resources Agency for the State of California.

- **Membership Support-Bonita**

- In online registration several members still had trouble with their spouses' ID and some are still confused. Dennis said that we have six hundred nine members and Lois said that having sixty new members is good. Cindy said it is hard on her budget when membership money trickles in.

- **Membership-Myra**

- We inspected the new brochures and agreed they turned out nicely. Myra added a statement that explained that members do not have to be graduates of UCSC. One hundred seventy five brochures have been distributed to all branches of the public libraries. Please suggest other locations for distribution. We could print more brochures if the printer has the templates from the first printing. Fred would like additional printed information, such as the current class list and interest groups.
- The format for OLLI minutes was discussed. Myra wanted to know how formal they should be. Perhaps we should have a video/audio recording for the archives. Mark said they should be a thorough summary in case anyone wants to look back. Margie made an audio recording today. This brought up the need for a formalized archiving process. Sally will locate a storage spot to bring all previous and future minutes together. Dennis will provide a memory stick to Sally.

- **Publications-Steve Zaslow (absent)**

- **Events-Jo Anne**

- She would like some help recruiting someone to help out with events. Dennis has made announcements at the meeting but so far, no one has responded. Lois said the direct approach may be a better way to persuade new volunteers.

- **STARS-Sally**

- Sally said that there is a misunderstanding on our side about our event parking fees. Our fee remains at \$4.00 for vehicles containing one or two people and \$2.00 for three or more people.
- Sally has received information about the OLLI national conference, next April 3-5. It will be held in Irving, Texas. She will attend. The Foundation has indicated that they want her to attend. Registration for the event will be between January 5 and the 20th. It would be nice if a board member also attended.

- She received an email from a friend at University Relations who noticed an obituary request for donations to the Sylvia Miller Fund on behalf of Jim Faris. Lois said she will be the contact person for anyone who wants more information. Mark wants us to mention the passing of a past president, Wolfgang Rosenberg, at the General Meeting and also write something in the next newsletter.
- Sally is now preparing the paperwork for the renewal of recognition from University Relations for OLLI as a Friends group. This will require several signatures from some of the Board members.
- **Facilities-Mark**
  - We are set for the next meeting. He gives thanks to the people who stepped forward to help at the previous meeting in the rain. Barry said the slides don't show up on the screen because of the light. Mark indicated that the room can not be darkened more. Come early to the General Meeting to set up the audio/visual equipment to ensure that everything is working.
  - It was agreed that for the January meeting that Abbey will have the two co-leaders of the ASB make a small presentation.

## Action Items

1. Cindy will contact Rachel about the General Meeting event.
2. Dennis will modify the Film Seminar website and check with Robert Franzen.
3. Lois will check to see the status of the Drama course's request to use the Little Theater at the Art League.
4. Mark will contact Abbey to set up the Yoga course.
5. Sally said I'd look for the previous hard copy minutes.. Dennis will provide a memory stick.
6. Mention the passing of Wolfgang Rosenberg, OLLI past president at the General Meeting. Also write something about him in the next newsletter.
7. Barry and Dennis to coordinate a meeting with the University. Sally will work with Barry and Dennis.
8. Fred has reached out to Dominican and it will be ready for February.

## Next Meeting Agenda

January 9, 2017 at Aptos Community Center 1:30 pm

