

# OLLI Board Meeting

February 13, 2017 / 1:00 pm / CONFERENCE ROOM Aptos Community Center

## Attendees

Dennis Morris, Mark Gordon, Chris Le Maistre, Myra Mahoney, Lois Widom, Barry Bowman, Jo Anne Dlott, Sally Lester, Cindy Margolin, Margie Lafia, Mary Caravalho, Peter Nurkse, Bonita Sebastian, Gail Greenwood, Ray Launier, Nancy Abrams

## Agenda

1. Minutes of January 9, 2017 meeting by Chris LeMaistre were approved.
2. President's Comments-Alternative Spring Break was explained. There is still space for more volunteers. Mary explained about donations for the event, especially money to buy diapers. She purchased a diaper bag in which members can put their donations.

## New Business

3. OLLI National Conference-30 second "Woo Hoo" video needs to be made today after the meeting. Sally will take it with her to show UCSC OLLI's spirit.
4. Election-Who will be on the slate? Gail will run for President, the Vice President position is open. Bonita was suggested for the position. The positions for Secretary and Treasurer have potential candidates.
5. Ad exchange-Fred was out.
6. Volunteers to focus on member engagement for our UCSC OLLI-This is already in the works. There will be a leader, plus 3 more volunteers. A discussion followed about various OLLI groups around the nation and their relationships with their host universities. Many of them have a lot of support from the hosts' investment in their groups. We would like to have more support from UCSC, at least with parking and maybe library privileges.
7. Santa Cruz Newcomers presentation-Dennis to meet once a month with various groups at various locations, such as, Severinos' restaurant
8. Puente Project Presentation at monthly meeting-Richard Bruce was out. It was mentioned that volunteers will be mentoring at high schools and community colleges in Watsonville. The group can have a table at the monthly meeting, but they can not present.
9. Olli National Conference-Sally and Corinne will attend.

10. Board Member highlights and pictures–Mary is making a presentation of the Board members in action. They say why they enjoy being part of the Board. This short presentation will run at the beginning of the general meeting.
11. Webpage updates–Dennis changed the login for easier access. Fred will call Steve Zaslow to edit the Newsletter. Dennis updates the monthly calendar frequently to make sure it is accurate. Myra suggested that we have a look at other OLLI’s pages to get ideas to make navigation easier. Dennis wants a system that is easier to change.

## Subcommittee Reports

- **Parking**–Fred was out.
- **Colleges 9 and 10**–Mark wants OLLI to have a closer relationship with Colleges 9 and 10. The Alternative Spring Break project is a good way to enhance that effort.
- **Diversity Outreach**–Fred was out.
- **Interest Groups**–Peter shared information about the Creative Writing group, which had to close. There could be another group that could meet in its stead. He also mentioned that there should be a section that lists the non-active groups. This is so that members can see the groups and consider reactivating them.

## Board Member Reports

- **Treasurer’s Report**–Cindy explained the current budget. There was a problem printing the document, so she rounded up the figures for a whiteboard presentation. She explained the status of incoming money and how it is being spent. There is \$35k from membership, \$10k from courses and \$3k from donations. We started with \$195k and spent \$70k, leaving \$125k. The budget is in good shape
- **Courses**–Lois wanted to know where members prefer to attend courses: Peace United Church or the Museum of Art and History (MAH). The cost of parking, space and ease of setup were compared. The Church has a lot of space, free parking, and its location is not central. MAH will soon be under construction, has less space and there is a need for paid parking. However, it is more accessible. Lois will keep this discussion in mind for future courses. Lois mentioned a possible future course leader, Elisa Lightborn, whose focus is on the Kurds and Afghanistan. In addition, there is another woman whose specialities are investment and retirement. She has a relationship with the Aptos Foundation. Lois will investigate these possibilities. Spotlight another course is now accessible for online payment. Margo, the leader, will offer 4 sessions.
- **Speaker Program**–Barry talked about the upcoming speakers. He is not sure yet whether John Laird will be available in May. He also wanted to have 5 minutes at the general meeting so that student ‘A cappella groups could perform. It was agreed to

cut a bit of the social time to accommodate them. Bonita will send email reminders about the time.

- **Membership Support**-Bonita said that we have 680 members. At this time last year we had 741. There are 99 new members and people continue to sign up. It was mentioned that there are people who do not pay for a course and still show up. It is easier to keep track enrollees in a smaller class (Yoga) than a lecture in a larger space. There will be rosters for course leaders.
- **Membership**-Myra-no updates
- **Facilities**-Mark mentioned that it will potentially be rainy at the upcoming general election. We will be ready with an alternate entrance with a greeter at the door.
- **Publications**-Steve Zaslow was out.
- **Publicity**-Richard Bruce was out.
- **Events**-Jo Anne said that she needs someone to learn the requirements of her position with the objective of taking over. The end of the year party will be June 4th or the 11th. There should be more structure for the party such as mixers and music. Mary will look for ideas for icebreakers at the tables. Barry suggested that the interest group leaders participate at the party by coming to the front to talk about what their groups have been doing. Mark suggested that the date for the leadership recognition party be changed to either September 6th or the 13th. In previous years members have been on vacation and could not attend the parties.
- **STARS**-Sally-no update

## Action Items

1. Lois will research the possibility of having several new course leaders.
2. John Laird to be confirmed as the May speaker-Barry
3. Bonita to send email reminders to the singers about the time to show up .
4. Bonita to create rosters of enrollees for the courses.
5. Need new events coordinator to replace Jo Anne.
6. Decide on the date for the leadership recognition party in September.
7. Mary to find activities for the tables at the end of the year party.
8. Need to determine a candidate for the Vice President position.

## Next Meeting

March 13, 2017 1:00 pm at the Aptos Community Center.