

Osher Lifelong Learners Board of Directors Meeting

March 12, 2018

Secretary Margie Lafia

Minutes of February 12, 2018 were approved.

In Attendance:

President Gail Greenwood absent

Vice President Bonita Sebastian led meeting

- Preparations for the next General Meeting were discussed: Bonita will be in charge of the meeting, the Recorder group will entertain, the catering menu will remain the same, Barry will introduce the speaker, Jannet will staff the membership table, Bill will be prepared to read a short letter from a scholarship letter if there is a gap in the program, Luke Lafia to fill in for room setup and functions.
- Mark reported that the activities of Alternative Spring Break are going well. More clothes and money for diapers will be collected at the next General Meeting.

Board Action: Agreed that Osher will pay about \$300 for the use of a van for the outing on the first day. Carpools will be used for the remaining days.

Treasurer Cindy Margolin

- Used Fred's budget proposal and inserted what OLLI has already spent this year into the formula and it looks good.
- There are more funds for the Sylvia Miller Scholarship fund because contributions have increased.
- Discovered an unknown fund into which there is a monthly deposit. They may be donations specified for a certain purpose. Sara will investigate and report back. It was mentioned that donors should be thanked. Bonita will report to Bill, who volunteered to thank the donors.

Vice President Bonita Sebastian

Course Coordinator Lois Widom

- Attended one of the recently added courses, Tom Jones, and said the attendance had increased to a total of 15 by the time the course started. Would like to increase this number in the future. Fred said that updates should only be sent by electronic transmission.

Program Coordinator Barry Bowman absent

Membership Myra Mahoney absent

- Bonita mentioned that the current membership stands at 654 members. There are 187 non-renewals, and 115 new members.

Events Chairs Jan McCormack Pat Emrad ...absent

- End of the year event: The check for the event has been launched and all preparations are moving forward. There will not be a formal program; icebreakers will be used instead to encourage mingling. Forms will be provided to sign up for the event at the next General Meeting. Dennis will link the online sign ups to the OLLI website. Jannet will stay in contact with Cindy regarding budget items.

Newsletter Fred DeJarlais

- Mentioned that the content in the current newsletter is sparse due to an editing situation.

Interest Groups Constantine Lackides...absent

Facilities Mark Gordon

- Mentioned that he has a backup digital projector available. Bonita said there is another at the STARS office.

Publicity Nancy Abrams

- Updated group on news about a potential mid-November Piano Recital. The artist will perform for free. Nancy has offered to host him. She has contacted the Arts Division to co-sponsor the event and provide access to the Recital Hall. Discussion centered around an admission charge, perhaps \$10 and half price, \$5, for a guest. Students would be free. Cindy said that this would be a great publicity event and the budget allows for a lot of publicity.
- Will contact both the Sentinel and the Good Times magazines of upcoming OLLI events.

Scholarships Bill Patterson

- Described how the scholarship process has been improved: the application will be more user friendly, the criteria for judging applicants will be more closely defined, more readers will be needed since the number of applicants is increasing. There will be another dessert function to honor the scholarship recipients.

Past President and Website coordinator Dennis Morris absent

STARS Director Sara Radoff

- Described her conversation with David Blasovich, Senior Program Director of the Osher Foundation. The Foundation grant money can be used to pay the \$20,000.00 annual fee for STARS assistance. Sara will research how he could be contacted if our OLLI group has questions. It was suggested that the OLLI President work with Sara through emails to him.
- The Scott's Valley campus, which houses University Relations, also has a large auditorium and empty class space for potential OLLI events. Sara will check on the availability and cost.

- The annual Osher Foundation OLLI conference will take place on October 22-24 in Scottsdale, Arizona. Sara will investigate how many attendees may attend from our OLLI group.
- There is a \$25,000.00 Osher Foundation Capacity Building grant available. It was suggested that the money could be used to increase diversity, but ideas on how to accomplish this are needed.

STARS Jannet Ceja

- Will provide backup support at the General Meeting and for other OLLI activities.

At-Large Members:

Chris Le Maistre

Next OLLI Board meeting

April 9,2018

10:00 to 12:00

Walnut Commons