

## OLLI Board Meeting

Gail Greenwood, Bill Patterson, Cindy Margolin, Ginna Holcombe, Karen Gamell, Mark Gordon, Bonita Sebastian, Lois Widom, Janis Bolt, Sara Radoff, DeShonne Keller representing the STARS office; and, visitor to the Board, Peter Poriss

**Date: April 22, 2019**      **Location: Walnut Commons**

### Agenda

**Introductions:** Gail Greenwood introduced DeShonne Keller who will attend the OLLI Board meetings representing the STARS office at 30% of her duties. Peter Poriss was introduced as a potential Board member visiting the meeting for the first time.

**Minutes–MOVED and APPROVED:** Minutes of March 11, 2019 Board meeting, as amended (amended copies distributed via e-mail following the meeting).

**Treasurer's Report** Cindy Margolin presented the Treasurer's report: Memberships and course attendance is higher than last year.

Colleges 9 & 10 administration did not submit the 2017-2018 bill for use of the room and that bill cannot be paid retroactively. OLLI has a moral obligation to compensate 9 & 10 and Sara Radoff will work with the administrator, Deana Slater, to accept a donation of \$2500.

Friends of Ceiny Carney, long time OLLI member who is deceased, wish to set up a one-time scholarship in her memory, through OLLI, with funds being raised by Sharon Dirnberger through a mechanism to be presented to all OLLI members. The OLLI Scholarship Committee suggests that this type of memorial donation would be beneficial to others who may wish to donate.

**MOVED AND APPROVED:** A team from the Board (Cindy Margolin, Bonita Sebastian and Bill Patterson) will work out the details and operationalize the memorial scholarship details for this request and going forward.

- A. Election of Officers: Mark Gordon will call for further nominees followed by a voice vote at the General Meeting on May 19, 2019 for positions of President, Vice President, Treasurer and Secretary of the OLLI Board.
- B. Social Interaction: Ginna Holcombe is quantifying social interaction based on OLLI activities such as interest groups, courses, general meetings, and other events (eg, ASB and celebrations). These data will be integrated into the annual

report to the OSHER Foundation. Avoiding social isolation is one of the goals of the Foundation.

- C. End of Year Event: Karen Gamell reported that venues for End of Year (June 9) and Volunteer Appreciation (September 12) events are reserved at vendors approved by UCSC. A sign up form for the June 9 event has been created and will be distributed at the General Meeting, in the Newsletter and an announcement will be made at the April and May General Meetings. Hard copies will require payment by check and mailed to STARS office.

Board members are asked to mingle and introduce themselves at the events in order to encourage broad discussions among members.

Karen Gamell also distributed, to Board members, copies of the new OLLI Brochures to be used for promoting membership at members clubs, churches, etc.

#### **April General Meeting Speakers and Other General Information.**

- A. Mark Gordon will report on the Alternative Spring Break with visuals and a few of the student participants in attendance. He will acknowledge these students and their leader, Linnea Beckett, and the OLLI members' team.

The OLLI Recorder Musical Group will play during the refreshment/coffee break.

Mark Gordon reported that the Colleges 9 & 10 multipurpose room is available for the next FY except for the September meeting which, with ongoing discussions, will likely be held at Porter College.

- B. Lois Widom will describe current and upcoming courses with an emphasis on signing up for the earlier than usual September 10 Foreign Affairs course conducted by Ronnie Gruhn.

Bonita Sebastian reported that courses with a limited number of attendees can be notified if the enrollments begin to exceed the capacity.

- C. Bill Patterson will introduce the new movie interest group model and encourage attendance.

**MOVED AND APPROVED:** To approve a new interest group, Favorite Flicks, to be limited to 12 members and headed by Bill Patterson.

Bill will share a scholarship recipient's letter at the May meeting when he will also describe the Ceiny Carney Scholarship.

### **Reports**

- A. Newsletter and Publicity: David Lieby reported that the September Newsletter will be a mailed hard copy. All print media will be notified of upcoming OLLI events. He suggested that a postcard be sent out in July for the September General Meeting. Renewal letters will be sent out in July with a mention of the September 10th Ronnie Gruhn course which will be followed up by an e-mail blast in August.

**MOVED AND APPROVED:** To hold a Board meeting on August 19, 2019 to prepare for the 2019-2020 OLLI year.

**MOVED AND APPROVED:** To host a table at the June 20, 2019 UCSC Welcome to Retirement events with an annotated OLLI brochure indicating a free one-year membership to those interested. Bill Patterson and Bonita Sebastian will staff the OLLI table.

- B. Bonita Sebastian reported that there are currently 688 members, 152 of those are new members with non renewals at 164. 232 members took at least one course this year with many taking more than one course.

Four members paid their dues for the next year this month and for those the following motion was approved:

**MOVED AND APPROVED:** To extend, through the 2019-2020 FY membership for those 4 members who paid in April, 2019.

- C. Sara Radoff reported that STARS/UCSC new hire, DeShonne Keller, is learning the job associated with the OLLI 30% assignment and will be attending OLLI Board meetings and other events. Furthermore, she will assume some of Janet Ceja's duties. Caesar Gamboa has joined the Peace Corps and has graduated.
- D. Barry Bowman reported the following General Meeting speakers:

April, Michael Chemers, Theater Arts

May, Ingrid Parker, Invasive Plant Biology

**Next Meeting: May 13, 2019**

**Note: An additional Board meeting will be held on August 19, 2019**



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