

Olli Board Meeting

Date: August 19, 2019

Location: Walnut Commons

Attendees

Bonita Sebastian, Gail Greenwood, Barry Bowman, Lois Widom, Janis Bolt, Karen Gamell, Bill Patterson, Virginia Holcombe, Cindy Margolin, Mark Gordon, David Lieby, Sara Radhoff

Agenda

1. **Minutes**—MOVED and APPROVED to accept the minutes of the June 18, 2019 ad hoc Board Meeting.
2. **President's Comments or Discussions**—Bonita Sebastian reported that of the current membership of 314 (revised after board meeting), 15+ are new members. The 314 represents renewal and new for 2019–2020.

A membership letter and Badges will go out after Labor Day reminding members to renew/sign up new members.

Bonita Sebastian will distribute contact for new members to Board members who can then welcome them with an email or call.

Barry Bowman has contacts at UCSC and Cabrillo who have the names of recently retired staff and faculty. In previous discussions the OLLI Board has agreed to offer these recent retirees a complimentary one year membership. Ginna Holcomb will write a letter to be sent to these recent retirees.
4. **Leader/Lecturer Appreciation**—Karen Gamell asked for a list of invitees outside of the usual invitees as invitations will go out this week with details including the menu and location. Interest group leaders and course presenters and a list of UC administrators who have had an historic interest in OLLI will be provided by Sara Radoff. Any newly appointed administrators will be invited to a board meeting, to become familiar with the organization, before being invited to attend other events.
5. **Publications**—David Lieby reported that paper copies of the Newsletter will be mailed this week, Lois Widom and Ginna Holcombe have been helpful with editing. David was acknowledged for getting ads and notices in local newsprint. The OLLI Newsletter is an outstanding publication.
6. **Courses** —Lois Widom reported that courses are in place through January with new courses being lined up (Political Theater, The Bible and Work, Feminism). The website is working well when signing up for courses.
7. **Speakers for the General Meeting** — Barry Bowman reported that the speaker for the October meeting is Jim Estes who will talk about sea otter research.

The November speaker is Robert Kaplan, a UCLA/Stanford Medical and Social Sciences Professor.

Sara Radoff mentioned that the technology is available to live stream popular speakers and additional rooms can be added for overflow if needed.

- **Treasurer's Report**-Cindy Margolin presented a spread sheet of the OLLI End-of-Year Report including notes indicating that comparing approved amounts are mostly on target, that membership is up a bit and course enrollments lag behind reports and room rentals are up (net anticipated down by almost \$5,000).
- All funds have a positive starting balance for 2019-2020.
- Cindy requested that all members, at the General meeting, indicate if they are enrolling because of the print ads, the newsletter, through a friend or other.
- Cindy will present a financial report at the General meeting noting briefly the 6% overhead that is required by UC.
- **STARS** -Sara Radoff reported that the office has two new work-study students, Keane Kelly who will support membership and Dianna who will support events, both report to DeShonne Keller.
- Bonita and Sara discussed a Capacity Building Grant to enhance by 5% the membership numbers in an OLLI community. The grant requires an approved plan, an accountability report on results against a plan and more items that Sara will research. Janis Bolt agreed to be the point person and work with Sara on a summary review of requirements to be presented at the next board meeting.
- **Scholarships** -Bill Patterson reported that of the 148 applications received, 100+ will be reviewed by 12 members at 1:00 PM on August 27 at Dominican Oak; Board members are invited to attend.
- MOVED and APPROVED to change the name of the Scholarships to Osher Lifelong Learning Institute Sylvia Miller Scholarships.
- **Interest Groups** -Ginna Holcolombe reviewed the following new and returning interest groups: Campus Caravan, All Things Classical, Theatricks, Ted Talks, Travel Treasures, Splendor of "The Sun", and returning Navigating Retirement and Favorite Flicks.
- MOVED and APPROVED the new and returning interest groups.
- Ginna will have table signs and sign-up sheets at the September meeting and the catering will be increased to accommodate a larger crowd.
- It would be helpful if members of interest groups would offer rides to other members to enhance interest group attendance. Ginna will email this information to the leaders.
- MOVED and NOT CARRIED that the board meetings be changed to a time in the afternoon to avoid conflict with a few of the upcoming courses. Board meetings will remain at 10:00 AM on the scheduled Mondays.

Next Meeting September 9, 2019