

Zoom OLLI Board Meeting Notes, Rev. 2

Date: 02/15/2021

Participants: Bonita Sebastian, Cindy Margolin, Barry Bowman, Lois Widom, Karen Gamell, Mark Gordon, David Lieby, Bill Patterson, Dennis Morris, Kate Erstein, Gail Greenwood, Guenter Vorlop

Motion Approvals:

1. Approval of January 2021 Minutes.
2. Motion approved to transfer \$ 2500 out of Osher account to College 9 and 10 facilities for program sharing.

Other Highlights:

3. **Bonita Sebastian:**
 - (a) Members received invitations to classes.
 - (b) John Gaulty, Dean of Visual, Applied and Performing Arts at Cabrillo College, expressed interest to join this board. Bonita Sebastian wants to contact him and peruse further to see whether there is a fit.
 - (c) Board election will be in May 2021.
 - (d) Election committee: Ginna Holcombe and Mark Gordon volunteered.
 - (e) Bonita Sebastian announced that she intends to move to Oregon in 2021. A big loss to the board. Members thanked her for her outstanding service and wish her all the best in her new endeavor. Dennis Morris expressed interest in taking over OLLI's data base which Bonita Sebastian has on the OLLI Mac computer.
 - (f) Bonita Sebastian asked Bill Patterson to write an obit for very long time OLLI member Doree Steinmann with the help of Lois Widom and Mark Gordon.
4. **Barry Bowman:**
 - (a) Next general Zoom meeting is on 2/21/21 with speaker Leta Miller on "practical idealism: the musical philanthropy of Phoebe Apperson Hearst."
 - (b) Speaker for 3/21/21 general Zoom meeting will be Emily Aiken, the granddaughter of board member Lois Widom. She will be speaking to us live from Togo, West Africa, how this country handles the covid19 pandemic. Emily and her group use artificial intelligence to identify those families with the greatest financial needs. Emily is a graduate student of the Berkeley School of Information. Barry Bowman and Dennis Morris will work it out how to best publish this special event on our website and newsletter.
 - (c) Other speakers on the 2/21 general meeting will be Mark Gordon explaining the board nomination process and timing of it, Lois Widom will talk about the March courses, i.e. on Shakespeare and gravity.
5. **Lois Widom:**
 - (a) Lois Widom has courses lined up through May 2021 and questioned whether courses starting in Fall 2021 should be presented in class **and** on Zoom to keep members happy.

- (b) Cindy Margolin offered Osher account money to buy video equipment for class use to beam it live on Zoom. Zoom participants having the opportunity to participate with questions.
- (c) Barry Bowman may prepare a 4 section course on biographies of the scientists who discovered gene mapping.

6. Mark Gordon:

- (a) Monthly general meetings are in colleges 9 and 10 facilities and Mark Gordon met with senior director for college student life, Sara Woodside Bury, and was assured that OLLI can continue the facility when it reopens again. See also motion # 2 in this context.
- (b) Dennis Morris asked Mark Gordon for an organization chart of Colleges 9 and 10.
- (c) Mark Gordon raised the question how we can expand our membership, addressing minority target groups in particular. Wants to consult with some contacts and got board approval without a motion to do that.

7. Cindy Margolin:

- (a) Cindy Margolin initiated motion # 2 and wants to work details out with Sara Radoff.
- (b) Current membership income balance of about \$ 20K is primarily used for scholarships which covers only about ½ of the scholarships for 2021/2022 at this time..
- (c) Mark Gordon suggested starting membership campaign early this year.
- (d) Bill Patterson suggested approaching individual donors.

8. David Lieby:

- (a) Deadline for March paper newsletter is 2/24/21.

Next board Meeting : March 15th, 2021, at 10:00 AM via Zoom unless otherwise notice.

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