

Zoom OLLI Board Meeting Notes, Rev. 1

Date: 12/14/2020

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

Motion Approvals:

1. Approval of November 2020 Minutes.
2. Motion approved to drop sending postcards for member ship renewal. See more item 5.
3. Motion approved to strengthen connection with Cabrillo College. See more in item 5.
4. Motion approved to let David Mintz, member of the City of Santa Cruz's Sustainability commission, publish an invitation in the OLLI newsletter. See more in item 10.

Other Highlights:

5. **Bonita Sebastian:**
 - (a) Membership now close to 400,
 - (b) Proposed to drop sending out postcards for membership renewal notices as people get inundated with letters. Motion was approved.
 - (c) Proposed to strengthen connection with President of Cabrillo College, Matt Wetstein, with goal to access additional sources for courses by offering to appoint a Cabrillo College representative to our OLLI board including a 1st year membership without charge. Motion was approved. Bonita Sebastian will send email to Matt Wetstein.
 - (d) Invited activity suggestion for upcoming OLLI Holiday Happy Hour on 12/20/20 from 4 to 5:30 PM on Zoom, ending up with: Barry Bowman will set up breakout rooms up to 6 people each and invite photographer Piotr Zimniak to share some uplifting pictures to show in the first 10 minutes when Bonita Sebastian and Barry Bowman kick off the Happy Hour. Ginna Holcombe will provide uplifting videos to the board for approval, perhaps to continue showing after the end of the Happy Hour so not to abruptly end the event - as suggested by Mark Gordon. Bonita Sebastian, Barry Bowman and Ginna Holcombe will work out the schedule.
6. **Barry Bowman** updated on General Meeting keynote speakers:
 - January: Rebecca Covarrubias will talk about minority students' response to different methods of teaching,
 - February: Rita Miller will talk about Phoebe Hearst and her philanthropic support of music.
 - March speaker to be determined.
7. **Lois Widom** updated on course speakers:
 - January: Peter Farkas "The Beauty of Mathematics: Equations" and Jim Estes "2026 The Ecology of Infectious Diseases".

- In planning stage: Roger Knacke is working on a new course on astronomy, Barry Bowman again on molecular biology, Michael Warren on Shakespeare and Ronnie Gruhn on current world affairs on January 11th, 2021 on Zoom for the 1st time.

8. Cindy Margolin:

- (a) the process of money transactions within the UCSC system is very slow, example there were only 2 transactions listed last November but Bonita Sebastian received more membership renewal checks. DeShonne Keller explained delays due to manpower shortages caused by Covid19 cases and will check with Sara Radoff who the contact person is for OLLI transactions within the system.
- (b) Writing a check (petty cash) from OLLI's Wells Fargo Bank account becomes difficult due to many regulatory steps by UCSC. Cindy Margolin wrote only 1 small amount check about 5 years ago. Cindy Margolin wants to address it in person with Bonita Sebastian, DeShonne Keller and Sara Radoff after the Covid pandemic is over next year. Mark Gordon suggested closing the WFB account and open a "Friends of OLLI" account to write "petty cash" checks from donations.

9. David Lieby:

- Printed newsletters will go out in January and March to members only who requested it. The input deadline for the January newsletter is 12/22/2020.
- Bill Patterson suggested finding 6 members willing to share what's going on in their current lives (to make the newsletter more personal). Ginna Holcombe agreed to edit the writing. **Johnna** Laird will be contacted to help Bill Patterson with the writing.

10. Mark Gordon was contacted by:

- (a) The family of deceased friend and Lifelong Learner Steven Zaslav is planning a Zoom Memorial Service on Sunday, 12/20/2020 at 1:30 PM and is inviting OLLI board members to join. Bonita Sebastian, Cindy Margolin and Mark Gordon plan to attend.
- David Mintz, member of the City of Santa Cruz's sustainability commission. He would like to publish in the OLLI newsletter an invitation to participate in a relevant survey as well as in discussions. The motion was approved.

Next board Meeting: January 11th, 2021, at 10:00 AM via Zoom unless otherwise notice.

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