

OLLI Board Meeting Live and on Zoom – April 10, 2023– “Stay Curious

Participants: Mark Gordon, Barry Bowman, Ron Sekkel, Lois Widom, Ginna Holcombe, Cindy Margolin, Bonita Sebastian, Dennis Morris, Kate Erstein, Jan Mintz, Karen Gamell, Gail Greenwood, David Lieby, Barbara Oden-Petree, Linda Sorenson (Guest, recently retired, Executive Director from National Non-Profit). Maya Yale, Operation Assistant to Barbara Oden-Petree, Dani Barker

- 1.** **Absent:** Bill Patterson
- 2.** Meeting called to order at: 9:30 AM
- 3.** March Minutes: M/S/P
- 4.** Meeting Venues:
 - a.** **UCSC Scotts Valley Site:** Barry Bowman, Ginna Holcombe, and Mark Gordon were shown OLLI’s new dedicated cubicles plus various conference rooms ideal for board meetings by Barbara Oden, our new university liaison with University Relations, whose offices reside there. There is a rentable auditorium seating up to 200 that may be appropriate for Ronnie Gruhn’s class or in a pinch for a general meeting.
 - b.** **UCSC Institute for the Arts and Sciences (IAS):** Barbara also arranged a visit to the just-opened, off-campus art center that entails three galleries as well as a large event room upstairs that holds about 50 (but is open to the noise of the galleries below).
 - c.** Cindy Margolin will visit the Lutheran Church as a potential OLLI venue.
- 5.** **Infrastructure:** Ginna Holcombe proposed board members no longer be responsible for more than one office or chair. With this in mind and while recruiting new board members it was agreed job descriptions (5-10 bullet points) be written for each board position; how this proceeds will be determined.
- 6.** A luncheon for potential new board members will be Tuesday, April 25.
- 7.** The decision was made to not have too many At-Large Board Members, to make sure that the Board stays manageable.
- 8.** Planning for the general meeting of April 16, 2023
 - a.** Bonita to introduce slate of officers to be voted on in May.
 - b.** Speaker is Dan Costa.
- 9.** Spring Picnic is planned for Wednesday May 31, 2023 at 11:30 AM. Parking: arboretum needs spaces for its visitors; we need shuttle to deliver OLLI guests without any need to walk; 140 at the previous picnic with 40 or 50 cars parked at the barn; are golf carts possible? Maybe have Martin Quigley, head of the Arboretum as the speaker. Recommend attendees bring a guest.
- 10.** Membership is at 598. On May 1, the members that renew or join will have paid for a membership that ends on June 30, 2024. In June we email a reminder and In July we will mail a reminder postcard.
- 11.** Courses:
 - a.** Attendance is high, classes are well received.
 - b.** The instructors are doing it for the love of teaching us (and we love them for teaching us)
 - c.** Lois suggested we all read the history of our OLLI on the website.
 - d.** Gail suggested we should give \$250 to each instructor
- 12.** Anandi Paganini will take over IG’s. She told me that she will continue as the leader of the walking Interest Group.
- 13.** As of April 1 we are moved to University Relations with Barbara Oden as our liaison; she has been working with the Osher Foundation and notes that the national conference is, October 16-18. All communications with Maya Vale should go through Barbara. External calls go to Karen Gamell but, now that we have a dedicated OLLI phone line, can be redirected to as many as 3 board members.
- 14.** Treasurer’s report – Barbara has sent a transaction report that is easier to understand. To pay Dennis we need to say what Dennis does so that we can get him paid.
- 15.** Newcomers: Kate Erstein took 3 newcomers to Gail’s Bakery, including Barbara Oden.
- 16.** Publicity will be a new chair on the board and will be headed by Joya Chatterjee with Kate Erstein’s help. Kate recommends that cards be created that include OLLI information for board members to hand out when appropriate. Barry can print them on color printer he got from STARS. Need to decide PO Box or other UCSC location.
- 17.** Scholarships season starts in the fall (this next year it will be one payment. Bill Patterson is chair for one more year.
- 18.** Newsletter: we’ll have a May newsletter. None in June but a summer newsletter is suggested

Meeting Adjourned 11:30

Next Board Meeting: May 15, 2023 at 9:30 AM

Next General Meeting: May 21, 2023

Respectfully Submitted: Ronald Sekkel, Secretary