

## Hybrid OLLI Board Meeting June 13, 2022

Participants in Person: Mark Gordon, Barry Bowman, Ron Sekkel, Kate Erstein

Participants on Zoom: Gail Greenwood, Cindy Margolin, Lois Widom, Karen Gamell, Dennis Morris, David Lieby, Bill Patterson, Gina Holcombe, Kate Erstein

Absent: Dani Barker

Meeting Called To Order: 10:05 AM

Prior Minutes: Notes of the OLLI May 9, 2022 Board Meeting presented by Mark Gordon. Approved

### Reports

1. Ginna attended the National Meeting of The Osher Life Long Learning Chapters.
  - a. Gina was welcomed with open arms.
  - b. We are the Outstanding Unicorn of the 125 Institutes.
  - c. Met many folks and asked many questions.
    - i. We are the only ones that have monthly meetings that get together and have speakers.
    - ii. We have more interest groups than the others.
    - iii. Our classes are more academic than those of the other chapters.
    - iv. Many of the other chapters have classes and have one hour lectures by some who are not quite qualified.
    - v. Everyone had Continuing Education classes not really put on by the Ollis but available to members.
    - vi. Those who attended the National Meeting were mostly Professional Executive Director and/or Board Presidents in Training.
    - vii. The Directors were very impressive and were full of good ideas.
      1. Most people do not pay their class instructors.
      2. Most are volunteers,
      3. They didn't charge a lot for courses.
      4. One could pay for parts of year or the whole year
      5. Size ranges were 500 to 2,000. Berkeley has 2800.
      6. Directors were a feisty group. They negotiate hard for University perks.
        - a. Free or discounted University parking,
        - b. free meeting rooms,
        - c. library full access,
        - d. Established co-memberships with community organizations.
        - e. Might be the right time to ask for some of these things.
        - f. Gina's thinking ... would like to see us foster more collaboration with the University and the Community.
        - g. We have so much to offer.
        - h. Academic Research collaboration would be something to ask for us to be involved with. This could be win-win, access to our age group and involvement. Who are doing research projects that we could either be subjects or more exciting to even participate in the helping of doing research?
        - i. Build our relationship with the community. Partnering with the local libraries, Museums, restaurants, Community centers, hospitals, aging issues.
        - j. National Resource Council is an incredible resource with marketing ideas, radio ads, all the work has been done and all we have to do is tap into it and use them.

- k. The University person has access but we don't so we need to work with her or him to get access beyond the pay wall.
- l. The meeting was well organized & based at Northwestern. Every presentation was so well done by having all the pdf slides available.
- d. We have gotten the Multipurpose Room for the whole year in the past.
- e. The Board manages our organization. It enables a sense of ownership.
- f. If we get an Executive Director, that person would have to be the University employee.
- g. We don't have a great amount of leverage. How can we get more clout?
- h. Other OLLIs are owned by the Universities. We started as a different model.
- i. We will discuss more since there will be a new relationship with the University.

2. Summer event at the arboretum as a picnic. They have good parking.

- a. Mark Gordon moves that we have a summer event. Bill Patterson seconded the motion.
- b. Regarding COVID it is thought that we are in a period that will last for years. It will go up, down, and if we only do our meetings through Zoom we will lose our connection with each other. And the Picnic should be acceptable since we would be outside.
- c. Discussion followed.
- d. The vote was 13 for the motion and 1 abstention.
- e. We are looking for it to be on August 10, 2022.
- f. We need to determine how many will come so we can plan on:
  - i. how many tables,
  - ii. 11:30 AM start time,
  - iii. Food – caterer,
  - iv. This is a Gift to all of the membership,
  - v. Do we have shade? – We will be under some huge eucalyptus trees,
  - vi. Do we have to pay for the arboretum?
  - vii. Invite all members and bring 1 guest,
  - viii. Agree to have a program on the arboretum,
  - ix. Show that this is an opportunity to meet and also ask to save the date,
  - x. Make this event more of a draw to get connected again,
  - xi. This is also a sort of opener to explore a relationship with the arboretum,

3. Mark is meeting with Sara to get a sense of when and whether we can meet at the Multipurpose room. Below is the Ollie Proposed Meeting Schedule 2022-2023

<u>Board Meetings</u>	<u>Complications or Deviations</u>	<u>General Meetings</u>
August 1, 2022	No August General Meeting---->	None
September 6, 2022	<---Labor Day	September 11, 2022
October 10, 2022		October 16, 2022
November 14, 2022		November 20, 2022
None	<-----No December Meetings----->	None
January 9, 2023	MLK Birthday---->	January 15, 2023
February 13, 2023		February 19, 2023
March 13, 2023		March 19, 2023
April 10, 2023	<---Easter Monday	April 16, 2023
May 15, 2023		May 21, 2023
	<b><u>The above is the proposed 2022-2023 Meeting Schedule</u></b>	

4. **Newsletter:** the picnic should be put into it. It takes 10 days to get a Newsletter out. June 25<sup>th</sup> but first we need to make sure that we can get the arboretum. Also our illustrious Newsletter Editor is looking for someone else to do the newsletter next year.
5. **Membership:** we are sending out application letters
  - a. 225 signed up
  - b. 10 new ones for 2022-2023.
  - c. It is a little ahead of last year.
  - d. We offer one year memberships for free for the retirees of the university.
  - e. Ask Donna Ziehl who is an active OIII member and is on the Cabrillo College Board to make the same offer to the Cabrillo College Retirees
  - f. We have agreed to continue the policy of offering one year free to the retirees of both organizations
6. **Courses:** Lois
  - a. Latin American Art – Making and Remaking – Thursdays June 16 start then also on 23, 30 & July 7 from 10:30 AM to noon on zoom taught by Tatiane Schillaro from Santa Rosa.
  - b. Economics Course offered to us comes in from the outside
  - c. Frank Capra Class with 7 free movies with 7 classes will start in the fall on either Tuesdays or Wednesdays at 10 AM to 1 PM. Bill Parks is the teacher. We need a technology person to help.
7. **Interest Groups:**
  - a. A ping pong group,
  - b. A Mexican Train (dominos) group,
  - c. A Mahjong group, and
  - d. A life changes group,
8. **Scholarships:** – Bill has support from the university and all is fine
9. **Closing Remarks from President Barry:** Looking forward to staying nimble and connected. Thank you for the support!
10. **Next Board Meeting:** August 1, 2022
11. **Adjournment:** 11:30 AM