

Minutes: OLLI Board 06Oct23, Walnut Commons, 10am (Ginna Holcombe, in Ron's absence)

Present: Barry Bowman, Rusty Bowman, Kate Erstein, Mark Gordon, Gail Greenwood, Ginna Holcombe, Roger Knacke, Cindy Margolin, Barbara Oden-Petree (Zoom), Anandi Paganini, Lois Widom

Absent: Karen Gamell (out of town), Doug Garcia (emergency), Tom Manheim (Africa), Leta Miller (London), Jan Mintz, Dennis Morris (out of town), Bonita Sebastian, Ron Sekkel

Guest: John Pine, Assistant Vice Chancellor, University Relations

Photo & Chitchat: No photos were taken since so many members were absent.

Minutes: **Motion Approved:** Minutes of September meeting were approved.

University Relations (John Pine): The role of UR and Alumni Engagement was described as a "natural collaboration" with OLLI. In Santa Cruz county, 9% of the population are UCSC alumni. Alumni can be sorted by age, interests, degrees, etc, enabling OLLI targeting. Among topics discussed, mentorships with college students, a travel program, and participation in UCSC research is another OLLI possibility; to that end, John will contact **John MacMillan** (Vice Chancellor, Research) to speak to the board. Q&A raised issues re parking, TAPS, library, and on-campus event venue. **Action Item:** **John** to secure 'gold passport' (sundry account) for OLLI member library database access.

Interest Groups: Rusty Bowman is the new Chair for Interest Groups. **Action Item:** **Ginna** to transfer database. Two new interest groups were approved: Musicians Monthly, led by Frank Baudino, and Stress-Relief Dancing, led by Shamim Keshawarz, both new OLLI members.

Name Badges: **Action Item:** **Soufiane** (intern), **Barry**, **Cindy**, and **Bill** will meet Wednesday (11th) 1pm to print and assemble name badges for the Oct 15th general meeting: Newcomers will be distinguished by a red something on their name badges, thus enabling board members to identify and welcome them more easily.

Open House Postmortem: The following work well: outside greeting, immediate and separate table for name badges managed by three people (thanks to Intern Haben Alazar), distinct red badges for newcomers, collect email list of interested nonmembers (**Action Item:** **Ginna** to email list to Kate), distinct table for membership or course registration (thanks to Intern Nina Bindra), flyer listing courses, IG brochure, newsletters, swag bags.

Survey Results: Committee (**Kate**, **Anandi**, **Doug**) to post results on website.

Appreciation Luncheon (Barry): Unreasonable costs postponed luncheon; Barry to determine early-December date for catered lunch with wine at the Arboretum Meeting Hall.

Class Venue (Lois): **Motion Approved:** Class cost is increased from to \$25/course, as of the spring semester. Lois needs to know the venue now in order to manage next semester's courses. Elks Lodge offers good location and ample parking but classroom may be technologically inadequate. **Action Item:** **Barry**, **Mark**, **Roger** to visit and assess. If inadequate, classes will be at the MAH for next semester.

Newcomers (Kate): Sandy Cohen to assist during general meetings.

Newsletter (Barry): Deadline is October 25; Gail's two new columns were well received.

Speakers: Nancy Abrams could speak as well as perform and project her lyrics during singing. Board is considering whether this type of performance is appropriate for a general meeting.

Meeting Adjourned: 12:03

Next Board Meeting: November 10 at Walnut Commons; in Ginna's absence, Barry will lead meeting.