

OLLI Board Meeting: February 9, 2024 - Community Foundation Santa Cruz County & Zoom – “Stay Curious”

Participants: Barry Bowman, Rusty Bowman, Kate Erstein, Doug Garcia, Mark Gordon, Gail Greenwood, Ginna Holcombe, Cindy Margolin, Leta Miller, Anandi Paganini, Ron Sekkel **By Zoom:** Roger Knacke, Dennis Morris, Barbara Oden-Petree, Bonita Sebastian, Lois Widom **Absent:** Karen Gamell, Tom Manheim

Meeting called to order: 10:32

Minutes and Follow-Up – Ginna Holcombe

- January minutes **M/S/P**
- **London Nelson:** positive feedback; classroom size limited to ~60; board agreed to hire devoted AV person for all courses; **Action** (Barry/Mark) to interview UCSC student who expressed interest; otherwise, a professional will be hired to relieve Mark, Barry, and Doug; **Action** (Ginna) to make door signs for OLLI classrooms, noting that classes cost \$25 for OLLI members; course rosters will not be used.
- **Board meetings** will start 10:30 second Fridays; due to scheduling conflict, start time is 10:00 April 12.
- **Elections:** **Action** (Ginna) to name 3-member committee, announced at March Sunday meeting and April newsletter; slate announced at April Sunday meeting and May newsletter; voting takes place at May meeting.
- **Photos:** because privacy concerns have been voiced, permission should be asked before publishing in newsletter

February 18 Meeting – Mark Gordon/Doug Garcia

- **Food, parking, shuttle** set; student parking monitors extended to 11:00 (member ticketed 10:35 last meeting)
- **Signage:** signs to be made by Fred DeJarlais; Doug to put up; Soufiane to take down 11:00
- **Speakers:** Gail (Who’s Who), Rusty (IGs), Ginna (courses), Barry (speaker intros)
- **Special:** recorder interest group, led by Sandy Cohen, will play background music until 10:30.

Speakers/Newsletter – Barry Bowman

- **Speakers:** three photographers (February); Leta Miller (March) re Black Musicians in San Francisco
- **Newsletter:** Ginna to do the March newsletter in Barry’s absence; **deadline Feb 23**

Spring Courses – Lois Widom/Leta Miller

- **Lois** will retire at end of this academic year. We owe her so much for her decades-long devotion and hard work.
- **Enrollable:** Amazonia (Sweet), Climate (Seales), Biology (Bowman)
- **Almost:** Trollope (Park), Binary (Crawford), Women (Greenwood),
- **Potential:** Vision (Lahey), International (soon monthly live in addition to biweekly podcast)
- **Holocaust** (beginning Mar 21st): Peter Kenez will teach without Murray Baumgarten
- **Instructor gifts:** Barry Bowman and Cindy Margolin to explore feasibility of single donation to single organization for all instructors **M/S/P**

Interest Groups – Rusty Bowman

- **Monthly Movies** (Doug): schedule third Tuesdays 1:00 at London Nelson; first is Feb 20
- **GrowGetters** (Janice Kuch): first meeting rained out but soon
- **Music Monthly** (Paul Baudino): first meeting successful
- **Health & Longevity** (Rabia Rabins): many enrollees; to start soon
- **IG webpages** will be submitted to Ginna (editing) and Dennis for website once groups determine meeting info

Outreach – Doug Garcia

- **Realtors:** OLLI sponsored brunch date with Barry presenting and Doug disseminating brochures – Jan 31, 2024
- **UCSC Alumni:** 50% discount for 1-year OLLI membership to be offered to those at least 50 years old
- **Business Expo:** as last year, we can share a table with UCSC; need 1-2 volunteers since Doug travelling
- **Promo:** print (Good Times 50+ and Young at Heart special articles) and video-making being considered

Financial Report – Cindy Margolin • All expenses >\$250 to come to the Board for approval **M/S/P (one no vote)**

Alternative Spring Break - Mark Gordon • 20 students and 12 OLLI members to participate; van expense covered

Membership – Dennis Morris • Current membership = 555, including 39 honorary members

Meeting Adjourned: 12:33

March Board Meeting: Mar 8, 2024, Community Foundation for Santa Cruz County, 10:30

March Sunday Meeting: Mar 17, 2024, Multipurpose Room, Colleges 9 & Lewis, 10:00

Respectfully submitted by: Ronald P. Sekkel, Secretary