

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

A. Participants: Barry Bowman, Rusty Bowman, Kate Erstein, Mark Gordon, Gail Greenwood, Roger Knacke, Tom Manheim, Ron Sekkel, & Lois Widom,

B. Participants By Zoom: Doug Garcia, Dennis Morris, Cindy Margolin, & Bonita Sebastian

C. Guests: None

D. Absent: Karen Gamell, Ginna Holcombe, Leta Miller, Jan Mintz, Barbara Oden-Petree, Anandi Paganini, & Bill Patterson

Meeting called to order at: 10:05 AM

- Approval of the minutes: The minutes of the October Meeting were approved after adding that Ron Sekkel’s absence was due to being out of town.
- Discussion followed in Planning for the Sunday meeting – Barry Bowman
 - Mark assured that food is taken care of; Mark and Barry will try to fix the technical issues; Mark or Doug will put up the umbrella at the shuttle stop; Set up 4 tables with Cindy and Gail at the front table.
 - Ginna will run the business meeting; Lois to talk about Courses; Mark to talk about in-house issues and the alternative spring break; Jonathan Pilch to be the speaker
- Discussion followed in Publicity and outreach – Led by Doug Garcia
 - Flyers for the general meeting are created and handed to distribution team
 - Santa Cruz Sentinel owes us an article – Young at heart article is offered; Good Times we are on for next year; KSQUID – to be interviewed
 - Suggested Phone calls to lapsed members
- Planning for the Appreciation Lunch – Led by Barry Bowman
 - December 8, 11:30 to 1:30 at the Horticulture Room at the Arboretum; it will be Catered by the university. We diligently reviewed the invite list
 - Have link in the invitation to be able to RSVP
- Status of Name Badges – Barry Bowman
 - they have been mailed out for members who joined after 10 October
 - Members can send request to Barry for changes in name badges
- Newcomers Group – Kate Erstein
 - Had four very excited members at Gayle’s for a coffee
 - Attended 2023 OSHER National conference in San Diego; Very friendly bunch lots of networking; learned lots!
- Discussion followed re: Ideas for alternate classroom space
 - Sandy and Anandi have given a long list of places; \$300 at the MAH is a bit high; London Nelson is less than a \$100; Upper room at the new museum is now more acceptable since a wall was added to remove the noise from the lower floor.
- Discussion followed re: Courses led by Lois Widom
 - Ronnie’s class will continue on line at no charge; Jorge, a linguist will be offering a class explaining grammar; Roger Knacke will offer a class on Quantum Mechanics for Life Long Learners; Terry Burke will continue his ToolKits Courset; Michael Warren will offer a Shakespeare class only on ZOOM; Bruce Margon – A new Astronomy course; Mary Crawford a class on Beyond the Binary; David Sweet a class on The History of the Amazon Valley; Barry Bowman a course on Molecular Biology; and Frank Zwart a course on the Architecture & History of UCSC.
- Discussion followed re: Interest Groups led by Rusty Bowman
 - There is a new group on Horticulture possibly forming

- Discussion followed re: the Newsletter led by Barry Bowman
 - The deadline for inclusion in the January Newsletter is 15 December; The January newsletter should arrive at the members approximately between January 3 to 10
 - As a matter of policy obituaries are not included in the newsletter
- Discussion followed re: hybrid classes vs. non-hybrid classes led by Barry Bowman
 - It is difficult to do hybrid classes properly and it is difficult for the instructor to realize that he or she has 2 audiences.
 - Since Ginna was not present we had a vote but it is non-binding in other words it was just a straw vote on whether or not we should continue with hybrid classes; having classes as either fully zoom or fully live won out.

Meeting Adjourned: 11:59 AM

Next General Meeting: November 19, 2023 at Multipurpose Room at 10:00 AM

Appreciation Luncheon: December 8, 2023 at UCSC Arboretum at 11:30 AM

December Board Meeting: None

December General Meeting: None

January Board Meeting: January 12, 2024 10:00 AM at Walnut Commons

January General Meeting: January 21, 2024 at Multipurpose Room at 10:00 AM

Respectfully Submitted: Ronald P. Sekkel, Secretary