

## LLL BOARD MEETING MINUTES

THURSDAY, MAY 28, 2009

The meeting was called to order at 10:00 a.m. by president Mark Gordon at the Clubhouse of Aptos Knoll.

Present: Kathy Cairns, David Copp, Shirley Forsyth, Robert Franson, Mark Gordon, Mary Hanlan, Audie Henry, Inga Hoffman, Kathleen Hughes, Nancy Mead, Corinne Miller, Dusty Miller, Matt Miller, Florence Orenstein, Alverda Orlando, Patty Stumpf

Absent: Lou Rose, Lois Widom, Steve Zaslav

The minutes of the previous meeting were accepted as printed.

### PRESIDENT'S REPORT, Mark Gordon:

Mark introduced our guest, Kathleen Hughes, Director of Development for Student Affairs, who oversees STARS. She has been working on the matter of an Osher proposal.

Mark announced the recent death of former at-large board member Priscilla Douglass. Priscilla succumbed to cancer while living at home under the care of Hospice. Mark praised her generous spirit and positive outlook and noted that she had faced her diagnosis courageously.

The matter of our co-sponsoring a program with the UCSC Women's Club is currently on hold.

The question of our using auditorium space at Dominican Oaks has not been resolved, as Lois Widom has not yet met with them.

Likewise, Mark has not yet had a meeting with the Engineering School regarding possible use of their large lecture hall.

The Fall Party for board members, interest group leaders, honorary members, and past LLL presidents will be held on September 20 at Aptos Knoll clubhouse. It will be a pot-luck affair. Robert will notify others of the invitation to attend. Our next regular board meeting will be held ten days prior on September 10, in the afternoon, at which time further details concerning the event will be arranged. The place for this meeting has not yet been determined.

Regarding the upcoming LLL election, Mark noted that Dusty Miller's name had been inadvertently omitted from the slate when it was previously announced, but he assured us that Dusty will continue to serve as second vice-president, in charge of interest groups. The slate to be presented to the membership for a vote at the May 31 meeting consists of: Robert Franson, president; Nancy Mead, first vice-president; Dusty Miller, second vice-president; David Copp, treasurer, and Patty Stumpf, secretary.

#### OSHER FOUNDATION:

Mark Gordon reported on a meeting held May 26 in the STARS office, during which those attending (Mark Gordon, Robert Franson, Kathleen Hughes, Nancy Mead, Corinne Miller, Dusty Miller) participated in a conference call with David Blazeovich of Osher. A wide-ranging series of questions and answers ensued, with the assurance from Mr. Blazeovich that any proposal by our LLL would receive prompt attention from the Osher Foundation.

Following Mark's report of this to the board membership, there was considerable discussion of the steps to be taken next vis a vis Osher. We were made aware of the fact that the University would levy a gift fee of 5% on any funds received from Osher. Audie Henry suggested that we needed to outline the pros and cons of an Osher proposal in order to make a considered judgment of the matter. Robert Franson voiced the need to bring interest group leaders into the discussion. It was MSP that we have a joint meeting of the board and interest group leaders wherein the pros and cons could be discussed and outlined prior to their presentation to the general membership in the fall. This was unanimously agreed upon. The date of June 11, in the morning, was set, with the place to be decided.

#### VICE-PRESIDENT, INTEREST GROUPS, Robert Franson:

No report.

#### VICE-PRESIDENT, MEMBERSHIP, Dusty Miller:

No report.

#### TREASURER, Lou Rose:

In his absence Lou submitted a written report, showing our membership at 337 and total revenues at \$14,627.00. Revenue from interest groups stood at \$3,367.00 and from courses at \$1,960.00.

#### PUBLICATIONS MANAGER, Steve Zaslav:

Steve was absent and no report was made.

#### PROGRAM COORDINATOR, Mary Hanlan:

Mary thanked Steve Zaslav for his help in arranging the website to reflect the speaker roster in a way to show the most recent first. In the future she wishes to announce the speakers just prior to their appearance. She has no speaker for September, as we will be having interest group sign-ups. She has engaged a speaker for October.

#### 25th ANNIVERSARY COMMITTEE, Alverda Orlando:

Alverda will contact committee members regarding summer meeting times.

EVENT COORDINATORS, Florence Orenstein and Inga Hoffman:

Florence described plans for the May 31 party and asked to have interest group leaders on hand with their placards by 9:30 a.m.

LLL COURSES, Lois Widom:

Lois was absent. There was no report.

SCHOLARSHIP COORDINATOR, Shirley Forsyth:

Shirley will continue with the scholarship committee next year but will not be part of the board.

AT LARGE BOARD MEMBERS, Kathy Cairns, David Copp, Audie Henry, Matt Miller, Patty Stumpf, Corinne Miller of STARS (voting member):

Matt Miller announced he would no longer serve on the board next year, having served as president and as board member for many years.

The meeting was adjourned at noon.

#### ACTION ITEMS:

1. Mark Gordon to meet with the School of Engineering personnel.
2. Lois Widom to engage with Dominican Oaks staff re: their proposal.
3. Alverda Orlando to contact her committee members re: summer meetings.
4. Robert Franson to notify all who are eligible about the Fall Party.

Minutes submitted by Nancy Mead.

THURSDAY, April 16, 2009

The meeting was called to order at 10:00 a.m. by President Mark Gordon at the home of Inga Hoffman. Though Inga was not able to be present, she and her son Paul had set up the room and prepared refreshments, for which we expressed our appreciation, to be conveyed to Inga.

Present: Kathy Cairns, David Copp, Shirley Forsyth, Robert Franson, Mark Gardon, Mary Hanlan, Nancy Mead, Corinne Miller, Dusty Miller, Matt Miller, Florence Orenstein, Alverda Orlando, Lou Rose, Patty Stumpf, Lois Widom, and Steve Zaslav

Absent: Audie Henry and Inga Hoffman

It was MSP to accept the minutes from the previous meeting.

PRESIDENT'S REPORT, Mark Gordon:

Mark announced that negotiations between UCSC extension and the Osher Foundation have been settled. The principals involved are interested in beginning negotiations with our LLL group. To that end they may well attend our May 31 meeting as visitors.

The UCSC Women's Club has proposed that LLL join with them and UCSC retirees to co-sponsor a ninety-minute program covering wills, trusts and planned giving. MSP that we do so provided there will be no cost involved.

Dominican Oaks has asked us if we would consider offering LLL courses in their newly refurbished auditorium, at no charge if Oaks residents could attend without cost. After considerable discussion it was MSP that the board further explore this with Dominican Oaks.

There will be a May 20 event on campus honoring returning war veterans. Additionally it was noted that war stories in general are of interest to a Library of Congress project. It was suggested that we post an announcement of these matters in our newsletter.

As a result of a UCSC visit to the Baskin School Engineering Department by the Discovering UCSC interest group, some of our members were contacted by a department member who suggested various ways we might interact with them. Mark would like to visit the school to explore ways we might work with them. All agreed with this approach.

Our fall dinner event presently is scheduled for September 20, a date Robert Franson is unable to make. He will explore with Audie Henry possibilities for another date.

The board was pleased to learn that Norma Del Gaudio has agreed to be our "ear to the ground" to identify members who are ill or have suffered a loss. Mark gave us an update on Priscilla Douglass' condition.

Our next board meeting will be May 28 at the Aptos Knoll Clubhouse.

NOMINATIONS COMMITTEE, Lois Widom and Matt Miller:

The committee has prepared a full slate for presentation to the membership at the April meeting. The slate lists Robert Franson, president; Nancy Mead, vice-president; Dusty Miller, vice-president (interest groups); David Kopp, Treasurer; and Patty Stumpf, Secretary.

VICE-PRESIDENT, INTEREST GROUPS, Robert Franson:

Robert presented his proposal for a new interest group fee structure, a system which will greatly simplify record keeping on the part of the interest group chair person. Briefly, this consists of a one-time fee of \$25.00 which would entitle the member to enroll in as many groups as was wished, as long as space is available. Special provisions have been written in to accommodate the film group and members who are unable to afford the fee. The consensus was that the new fee structure should become available next September at our initial meeting. MSP to accept Robert's proposal with some minor changes in wording, etc., that are to be worked out.

Robert announced that Florence Orenstein will become Membership Chair in the coming year and will need to be replaced as Co-Chair of Event Planning.

SECOND VICE-PRESIDENT, MEMBERSHIP, Dusty Miller:

Dusty had no report, but announced a membership number of 355.

TREASURER, Lou Rose:

Lou presented a written report indicating 336 members, with revenues of \$14,464. Of this \$3,234 has come from interest groups and \$1,960 from courses. The discrepancy between his figures and Dusty's regarding the number of members is attributable to reporting delays from UCSC.

Lou also made a motion that we establish a table for our meetings where non-profit groups could provide firsthand information and literature to our members, along with possibilities for volunteering. Motion was MS and tabled. Mark suggested we might allow fliers at our membership table without prior authorization. The consensus was that this is acceptable and already has been done in some cases.

PUBLICATIONS, Steve Zaslav:

Steve announced a submission deadline of the 20th, and he again mentioned that he would like to upgrade the quality of the paper we use.

PROGRAM COORDINATOR, Mary Hanlan:

Mary has been able to schedule speakers through March of 2010. In May of this year we will have Frank Perry on the subject of the legacy of the lime kilns in the Santa Cruz area.

25th ANNIVERSARY COMMITTEE, Alverda Orlando:

Alverda needs help in reading through the extensive archives Corinne has assembled on our group. Florence Orenstein, Shirley Forsyth, Mark Gordon, and Nancy Mead volunteered.

EVENT COORDINATORS, Florence Orenstein and Inga Hoffman:

Florence announced that the spring party costs will exceed the revenue; she will have more precise figures in another couple of weeks. She asked for helpers to serve as bartenders. Lou Rose, Matt Miller, and Patty Stumpf volunteered. It is anticipated that we will have many displays from our interest groups at the party. Easels and/or tripods are needed.

LLL COURSES, Lois Widom:

Students for the winter classes numbered 131, bringing in nearly \$2,000.00. Lois noted that a number of these people joined LLL just to be able to take the courses, thus netting an additional amount for the organization. For next year we hope to have Miriam Ellis offering a class on opera singers; John Dizikes, poetry; Todd Newberry, birding; Robert Goff, Buster Keaton; Michael Warren, Shakespeare; Don Atkins, music. Lois said there is considerable detail involved in this effort, and she could use an assistant. She will look for one.

SCHOLARSHIP COORDINATOR, Shirley Forsyth:

Shirley announced that all 19 of our original scholarship recipients have maintained a grade-point average sufficient to receive scholarship monies for all three quarters.

AT LARGE BOARD MEMBERS, Kathy Cairns, David Kopp, Audie Henry, Matt Miller, Patty Stumpf

Matt will announce the slate of candidates at the April meeting.

STARS, Corinne Miller:

No report.

LAST MINUTE ITEM:

Dusty Miller would like to have greeters on hand again for our upcoming meeting. Those who had previously volunteered agreed to continue in that role.

Meeting was adjourned at noon.

ACTION ITEMS:

1. Corinne will get a copy of the invitation to the veterans event to Steve.
2. Mark will visit the engineering school.
3. Robert will speak with Audie re: date for September party.
4. Florence will send details on party to Steve for the newsletter.
5. At Steve's request, Lois and Shirley will write up reports for the newsletter.
6. Matt will announce slate at April meeting.

Minutes submitted by Nancy Mead.

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## LIFELONG LEARNER BOARD MEETING MINUTES

THURSDAY, MARCH 12, 2009

The meeting was held at the Clubhouse of Aptos Knoll, courtesy of Audie Henry, who was thanked for hosting. The proceedings were called to order at 10:00 a.m. by president Mark Gordon.

Present: Kathy Cairns, David Copp, Mark Gordon, Mary Hanlan, Audie Henry, Inga Hoffman, Nancy Mead, Matt Miller, Florence Orenstein, Alverda Orlando, Lou Rose, Lois Widom, and Steve Zaslav

Absent: Shirley Forsyth, Robert Franson, Dusty Miller, Corinne Miller, Patty Stumpf

The minutes of the previous meeting were approved as submitted.

### PRESIDENT'S REPORT, Mark Gordon:

Mark announced that two new board members have been recruited to run for key positions in the coming election. David Copp has agreed to run for treasurer, to succeed Lou Rose, and Patty Stumpf will run for secretary of the board for the year 2009-2010.

Inga reported on former board member Priscilla Douglass' condition. She is under hospice care and has resolved to proceed without further medical intervention. Phone calls, emails, and visits are all welcome at this time. Priscilla remains in her home. Mark will write priscilla to express the board's gratitude for her contributions.

Mark circulated copies of next year's tentative calendar by email, but he raised the question of whether or not we should continue with a fall party for the board, interest group chairmen, past presidents, etc. The consensus was that we should continue with this. The event coordinators will assume responsibility for the arrangements, and Audie offered the clubhouse again as a site

for the party. Sunday, September 20, was proposed as the date.

Mark raised the subject of changing roles within the board. We learned that a slate has been outlined, with all executive board positions filled. However, we will continue to solicit nominations from the membership through March 31. It was noted that Dusty will take on the duties of interest group chairman, leaving the position of membership chair to be filled.

The membership committee met to consider the need for a corresponding secretary. While they felt it appropriate to re-instate that position on the executive board, Mark noted that our current culture of electronic communication makes it less necessary than in previous times. After some discussion it was MSP that we not re-activate this position. This was a unanimous vote. It is felt that we still have need for someone to correspond with members who are ill or grieving, and to this end the membership committee will try to find an appropriate person.

Mark announced that Steve will become the Publications Manager, acknowledging his key role in producing the newsletter, the yellow postcard, and the website.

Next year our LLL will celebrate the 25th anniversary of its founding. Mark would like us to celebrate this and has asked Alverda to compile a history of the organization. She has many other ideas of how this could be commemorated and asked if others would be willing to help. Florence, Mark, and Nancy volunteered. It was also noted that Jim Faris would be an appropriate contact for this effort.

Mary Hanlan requested that Mark make an announcement in the late fall, asking for someone interested in becoming her assistant, a position leading to Program Coordinator after Mary's term.

Regarding Osher, Mark noted that the negotiations between UCSC extension and the Osher Foundation have not been resolved. Once they are concluded, all parties agree that we will be in a position to consider another UCSC proposal to the Foundation.

There was some discussion of our present formula vis a vis Sunday meeting times, speaker scheduling, etc. It was MSP to keep the present schedule, i. e., meeting from 10:30 to 11:00 a.m., with speaker to follow at 11:15. Following the speaker Mary will try to allow five minutes for clearing the room so that others who wish may stay on to ask questions of the speaker.

General satisfaction was voiced regarding the addition of an "in memorium" feature initiated by Steve and Robert.

The next meeting will be held at Inga's house.

#### NOMINATING COMMITTEE;

A slate has been formed, but other nominations will be sought through March 31.

#### VICE-PRESIDENT, INTEREST GROUPS, Robert Franson:

Robert was not present. It appears that no new interest groups are being considered at present.



VICE-PRESIDENT, MEMBERSHIP, Dusty Miller:

Dusty was not present.

TREASURER, Lou Rose:

Lou presented a written report indicating 332 members, with revenues of \$14,071.00. Of this \$3,101.00 has come from interest groups and \$1,820.00 from courses. We are prepared to make our next round of scholarship awards. The scholarship committee should be reminded to request the 3rd quarter list from Corinne.

PUBLICATIONS MANAGER, Steve Zaslav:

Steve reported that Robert has sent press notices of our meeting to the Sentinel, to Metro, and to Good Times. Steve believes we should find someone to do this routinely, and he has someone in mind whom he will contact. Steve will also explore the cost of using paper that would accept color printing.

PROGRAM COORDINATOR, Mary Hanlan:

There was general discussion regarding ideas for speakers. Lois thought we should all think of our personal contacts amongst the faculty or within the community. Mary is already scheduling for the 2009-2010 year.

EVENT COORDINATORS, Florence Orenstein and Inga Hoffman

The spring party menu has been planned, and interest group chairmen have been asked to contribute a poster board depicting their groups activities, to be displayed at the event. Florence and Inga hope to get people to sign up for the party in April, either through the newsletter or at the April meeting. Cost will be \$15.00 per person. There will be musical entertainment, and wine will be served.

LLL COURSES, Lois Widom:

To date Lois has lined up Todd Newberry, John Dizikes, and Bob Goff for courses in the coming year, but she could use suggestions.

SCHOLARSHIP COORDINATOR, Shirley Forsyth:

Shirley was not present; there was no report.

AT-LARGE BOARD MEMBERS, Kathy Cairns, David Copp, Audie Henry, Matt Miller, and Patty Stumpf:

No reports. Audie will staff the membership table at our coming meeting, since Dusty is out of town.

STARS, Corinne Miller:

Mark reported that Corinne had conveyed her regrets but was unable to make the meeting.

#### LAST MINUTE ITEMS:

Inga mentioned that, on behalf of the membership committee, she has been phoning new members and visitors and has found this to be very favorably received. She also has been active in interacting with these people when they come to meetings. Steve wondered about formatting a card, showing our web address and other pertinent information, which could be available at the membership table. He will make a draft.

The meeting was adjourned at 11:55 a.m.

#### ACTION ITEMS:

1. Mark will send a letter to Priscilla.
2. The membership committee will try to find someone who would be willing to correspond with members who have suffered loss or illness.
3. Alverda will put together a history of LLL, and Mark, Florence, and Nancy will help in finding other ways to celebrate our 25th anniversary.
4. The scholarship committee will request a 3rd quarter list of students from Corinne.
5. Steve will check costs of using colorprint paper for the newsletter; he will also draft a LLL card suitable for passing out to new or prospective members, and he will try to find someone who would send press notices to the local papers.

Minutes submitted by Nancy Mead

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LIFELONG LEARNER BOARD MINUTES OF THURSDAY, FEBRUARY 12, 2009

The meeting was held at the home of Dusty Miller, who was thanked for hosting the group. President Mark Gordon called the meeting to order at 10:00 a.m.

Present: Kathy Cairns, Shirley Forsyth, Robert Franson, Mark Gordon, Mary Hanlan, Audie Henry, Inga Hoffman, Nancy Mead, Corinne Miller, Dusty Miller, Matt Miller, Alverda Orlando, Lou Rose, Lois Widom, Steve Zaslav

Absent: Priscilla Douglass, Florence Orenstein

The minutes of the previous meeting were approved as submitted.

#### PRESIDENT'S REPORT, Mark Gordon:

Mark informed the group that Priscilla Douglass is facing medical problems that have caused her to resign her position as an at-large board member. She evidently is in good care within the medical community here and also is being looked after by various close associates here in Santa Cruz. Mark further noted that Florence Orenstein is recovering from heart surgery but expects to resume her duties as co-chair of event coordination.

Mark reported that our negotiations with Osher are still awaiting the resolution of their alliance with UCSC extension. This must be terminated before consideration of any proposal we might make. He noted, however, that the Division of Student Affairs is most eager to see LLL become associated with Osher and is confident that this could happen if all parties can agree on terms. To that end Mark spoke of the meeting of our executive committee which had met to consider a memorandum of understanding regarding this. Robert has prepared an outline draft, and when it is completed it will be presented to the board.

Mark made several announcements. One concerned our meeting place at Stevenson, which will have a different set-up for our next gathering. There was some discussion of the logistics of our meeting arrangements, including the use and availability of bathrooms. Hoping to facilitate things Inga volunteered to make some signs to indicate the location of the secondary bathrooms in the Stevenson complex.

Mark commented on the success of the STARS Dessert Extravaganza, which many of our board members attended. He also called attention to the MLK day event at the Civic, scheduled for February 12, featuring speaker Van Jones.

In considering our next board meeting, it was recognized that we would no longer have the use of Priscilla's home, and Mark asked for volunteer hosts. Inga volunteered her home, as did Audie, who offered the clubhouse where she lives. It was decided that we would meet at Inga's in March and May, and at the clubhouse in April.

There was considerable discussion on the subject of next year's board. Election committee members were sought, and Matt and Lois volunteered. In addition they will see if Florence can be involved in this. At the February meeting there will be an announcement soliciting names of those who might be able and willing to serve on the board. Further discussion led to the question of the size of our board and whether or not it might be beneficial to reduce its size somewhat. Shirley noted that her presence is not required at every meeting, and others offered ways that the number of regular attendees could be pared. It was the consensus that the board could be slightly reconfigured for next year. Mary Hanlan proposed that her job might conceivably have an assistant who could "learn the ropes" in order to succeed the program

chair. We were also reminded that Lou has expressed a wish to have a successor as treasurer. He offered the name of someone who might have an interest.

Mark expressed his feeling that our group needs a position which could respond to the various losses, illnesses, etc., which befall it. It was thought to have the membership committee consider this and report back to the group. Alverda expressed an interest in serving in such a position. It was MSP that the newsletter contain an "in memoriam" box to inform the membership of those who have died. There was one opposing vote and two abstentions on this motion.

#### VICE-PRESIDENT, INTEREST GROUPS, Robert Franson:

Robert reported on the responses to his survey, circulated to all members, regarding interest groups. He said that generally they reflected satisfaction with the existing situation, though there seems to be a perennial wish for even more interest groups. To that end Robert announced proposals for four new groups: science discussion, walking, hiking, and LINUX. Plus a possible brown-bag, current events discussion group has been mentioned but would need a leader and a meeting place. Mary also wondered about a group that would address the latest in technological developments.

Robert circulated a draft proposal on the subject of the collection of interest group fees. He feels the system should be simplified, and he offered a two-tiered fee schedule as one possibility. There was discussion regarding this and the consensus was that the system needs retooling. It was suggested that Robert meet with the interest group leaders to discuss this and then report back to the board.

#### SECOND VICE-PRESIDENT, MEMBERSHIP, Dusty Miller:

Dusty spoke of having some Sentinel publicity, which might attract new members. Everyone concurred that this would be welcome. There was discussion of the way to encourage newer members. It was felt there was no necessity to have new members meet following the general meeting. Also, from reports, phoning new or prospective members has not been very productive. But the system of greeting people at the door or responding to them as they are seated during our meeting seems to be positively received.

#### TREASURER, Lou Rose:

Lou presented a written report indicating 324 members, with interest group participation at 421, and course enrollment at 66. Total revenues are \$13,187.00

#### COMMUNICATIONS REPORTS;

Alverda was very positive about the newsletter, as were others. She had no further comment.

Robert and Steve expressed general enthusiasm for the website, noting no problems. Mark urged that we all refer to it regularly and expressed thanks to Steve and Robert.

The yellow postcard likewise seems to be functioning well, and no particular problems were noted by Steve.

PROGRAM COORDINATOR, Mary Hanlan:

There was some discussion of meeting times vis a vis the speaker, but no changes were made.

EVENTS COORDINATOR, Inga Hoffman:

Inga gave the particulars on the social event scheduled for May 31 at Stevenson. It will follow our meeting and last until 2:30 p.m. It will be publicized via the newsletter. She will ask for reservations by April. The event will be catered by the University, which has recently contracted with a new catering service, reported to be producing good food. We don't as yet have a name for the event.

LLL COURSES, Lois Widom:

Lois has asked class participants to contribute toward gifts to be presented to the teachers. There was some discussion of possible classes for next year.

SCHOLARSHIP COORDINATOR, Shirley Forsyth:

No report.

AT LARGE BOARD MEMBERS;

None of the at-large board members present had comments or reports.

STARS, Corinne Miller:

Corinne said all of her concerns had been previously addressed within the meeting.

LAST MINUTE ITEM:

Alverda announced a book-signing at MAH on April 18. She and the other authors will be featured along with their book telling of the role of the Japanese along the coast during WWII.

The meeting was adjourned at noon.

ACTION ITEMS:

1. Inga to make signs.

2. Membership committee to meet concerning need for new board position.
3. Robert to meet with interest group chairmen.
4. Election committee to meet.

Minutes submitted by Nancy Mead

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#### LIFELONG LEARNER BOARD MEETING OF THURSDAY, JANUARY 15, 2009

The meeting was held at the home of Priscilla Douglass, who was thanked for hosting the group. It was called to order by President Mark Gordon at 10:07 a.m.

Present: Kathy Cairns, Priscilla Douglass, Shirley Forsyth, Robert Franson, Mark Gordon, Mary Hanlan, Audie Henry, Inga Hoffman, Nancy Mead, Corinne Miller, Dusty Miller, Matt Miller, Alverda Orlando, Florence Orenstein, Lou Rose, Lois Widom, Steve Zaslav

The minutes of the previous meeting were amended to reflect that the Sunday meetings should end at 12:15 p.m. rather than 12:30.

#### PRESIDENT'S REPORT, Mark Gordon:

Mark reported that within the Division of Student Affairs, at all levels, there is full support for the Osher Foundation sponsorship of LLL at UCSC. Mark wants our executive committee to meet at the end of the month with Corinne to formulate a memorandum of understanding outlining the position of our group. The executive committee will meet on Thursday, January 29, 2009, between ten and noon.

Mark reminded us of the Dessert Extravaganza at STARS on January 30, to which all board members are invited. Corinne brought copies of the invitation.

The next board meeting will be held on February 12 at Priscilla's house.

Mark raised several questions in anticipation of changes in next year's board composition. He noted that, if elected, Robert will need to be relieved of his responsibilities as interest group chair. In addition, Lou Rose has indicated he would like to step down as treasurer. Finally Mark reminded us that we will need to find a vice-president who might be willing to succeed Robert as president. There was some discussion as to whether it might be prudent for Mark to stay on for a third term during the anticipated transition to Osher sponsorship. Mary Hanlan said there might also be need for change in the job of program chair, and she outlined some of the difficulties she experienced in assuming that role just as the school year drew to a close.

Mark asked for consideration of how the group might handle changes such as deaths, honors,

etc. It was MSP that there be an announcement/acknowledgement section of the newsletter wherein such things could be reported, with its content being left to the discretion of the editor.

#### VICE-PRESIDENT, INTEREST GROUPS, Robert Franson:

Robert had prepared a written report, with copies for everyone. He noted 533 interest group and course registrations, with total contributions of \$2,617.00 to scholarship funds. While further demonstrating the good participation level within the group he also urged that the number of interest groups be increased. To that end he has prepared a questionnaire to be circulated among the members via email. This idea was well received.

#### TREASURER'S REPORT, Lou Rose:

Lou's records reflect a membership level of 321. Along with dues from the interest groups and current course tuitions our total revenues were shown to be \$12,463.00, ample for meeting our obligations.

#### SECOND VICE-PRESIDENT'S REPORT, Dusty Miller:

Dusty had prepared a report from the membership committee, outlining possible approaches to increasing our membership. Presently the committee is focussed on retention of members. Each nonrenewing member has been contacted by phone, in order to try to understand some of the determinants involved in the dropout rate. There was discussion of possibly financing a brochure. But the consensus was that we should try to help the new members feel "at home." Some recalled having had new member experiences, such as dinners or parties, wherein they could make themselves known and have a chance to socialize. The need for personal contact and addressing of individual needs was seen as key.

#### COMMUNICATIONS REPORTS:

Alverda had no report.

Robert and Steve noted that the website needs some updating. Steve is OK with doing his part but will speak up if he needs help. Robert wants the board members to look at the website periodically, as a way of his getting feedback.

Steve is OK with the yellow postcard responsibility, only noting that he needs input from interest group leaders if changes are to be made.

#### PROGRAM COORDINATOR, Mary Hanlan:

All programs for the remainder of the year have been scheduled. Mary solicits feedback regarding the speakers, recognizing that not everyone will be happy with each presentation.

#### EVENT COORDINATORS, Florence Orenstein and Inga Hoffman:

They reported on the arrangements for the birthday celebration of nonagenarians Jim Faris and Faye Alexander at our next meeting. Each will be given a decorated cake to take home, and there will be an acknowledgement of their contributions to LLL over the years. Corinne will arrange for some news coverage. Plans for our May meeting/social event were mentioned. It will be held at Stevenson on May 31.

LLL COURSES, Lois Widom:

Lois reported that the dream class has 45 enrolled, with a lot of enthusiasm from participants. She announced the Dizikes Concert on February 8, to which LLL are invited.

STARS, Corinne Miller:

Corinne has found important archival material, dating to the beginning of LLL. She will be happy to meet with anyone who wants to view it and will try to have some examples at the Dessert Extravaganza.

SCHOLARSHIP COORDINATOR, Shirley Forsyth:

Among the scholarship recipients this year there have been no drop-outs and three have received A+ grades. An impressive record.

AT LARGE BOARD MEMBER:

Priscilla noted that some groups have membership cards reflecting the date by which renewal is to be made.

Audie believes we need better miking a meetings, as well as streamlining of the presentations of interest group leaders.

Matt feels that interest group presentations are pitched to current members, but should be aimed at new or prospective members in the audience.

Meeting was adjourned at 12:08 p.m.

ACTION ITEMS;

1. Robert's questionnaire on interest groups will go out in email form.
2. Corinne will arrange for publicity coverage of our next meeting.
3. Executive board will meet with Corinne to formulate a memorandum of understanding.



4. Dusty and her committee will continue to work on retaining new and prospective members.

Minutes submitted by Nancy Mead

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## LIFELONG LEARNER BOARD MEETING

THURSDAY, NOVEMBER 13, 2008

The meeting was held at the home of Priscilla Douglass, who was thanked for her hospitality. It was called to order by president Mark Gordon at ten a.m.

Present: Kathy Cairns, Priscilla Douglass, Robert Franson, Mark Gordon, Mary Hanlan, Audie Henry, Inga Hoffman, Nancy Mead, Corrine Miller, Dusty Miller, Matt Miller, Alverda Orlando, Florence Orenstein, Lou Rose, Lois Widom.

Absent: Shirley Forsyth, Steve Zaslav

The minutes of the previous meeting were approved as submitted.

There was a slight departure from the usual agenda format in order to accommodate those who needed to leave early to attend an Art and Architecture outing in San Jose.

### OSHER FOUNDATION;

Mark reported on the current status of negotiations with the Osher Foundation. He, Corrine, Dusty, and a University representative, Kathleen Hughes, recently met in the offices of the foundation in San Francisco. Present were their president, their program director, and Mr. Osher himself. Mark stressed that the UCSC group was very warmly received, with much appreciation being expressed for the overview of our organization that had been furnished to them. It was noted that a LLL affiliation with Osher would occur with the STARS office acting as liaison. Osher has had previous experience with STARS and were glowing with praise for its operation under Corrine's direction. Copies of program brochures from other Osher-sponsored LLL organizations were circulated in our meeting, and there was a good deal of discussion among the board regarding the ramifications of affiliation with this foundation. The consensus of the group was that such a partnership was desirable, pending some further consideration of issues such as membership numbers (500 required by Osher) and maintaining the ethos of our present structure. Particular concern was voiced about the logistics of adding new members, and to that end a Membership Committee was proposed. It was moved, seconded and passed, and Dusty volunteered to be chair, while Lois, Inga, and Florence agreed to serve. Corrine suggested a memorandum of understanding be drawn up, setting down the concerns and expectations of the group vis a vis Osher, wherein all parties would sign off on the document. She stressed that we should think it through. The executive committee will consider the matter, and Lois asked that they report their thinking at the next board meeting.

EVENT COORDINATORS, Florence Orenstein and Inga Hoffman:

Florence reported that our May 31 meeting at Stevenson will be followed by a luncheon that will serve as our spring social event. This plan was moved, seconded and passed.

Corrine announced that the STARS dessert extravaganza would be held on January 30, 2009. Our board is to be included, with invitations forthcoming.

LLL COURSES, Lois Widom:

Lois reported that people have been very favorable about Todd Newberry's birding group. It filled quickly, as has the next one scheduled. The class on dreams currently has fourteen enrolled. There was some discussion about how we might promote more classes. One thought involved contacting all emeriti professors about possible participation.

PRESIDENT'S REPORT, Mark Gordon:

Mark announced the schedule for the TV airing of our September LLL meeting.

Presently there is no meeting scheduled for December. The next meeting of the board will be January 15 at Priscilla's house.

Mark has approached Wolfgang about writing a history of LLL, and Wolfgang is considering the matter.

Florence has arranged for cakes to be served at the January LLL meeting to honor Jim Faris and Faye Alexander.

VICE-PRESIDENT'S REPORT, Robert Franson:

Robert announced that we have eighteen interest groups. He proposes streamlining the reporting of these during LLL meetings. He will make an effort to learn in advance who among the leaders really needs to make an announcement.

SECOND VICE-PRESIDENT, Dusty Miller:

Dusty would like to increase the amount we pay the vendor for badges to \$1.00. It was moved, seconded and passed that she do so.

TREASURER, Lou Rose:

There was discussion of the fact that Lou's membership figures are at times at odds with Dusty's figures because of differences in the way each receives data. Lou said we have funds for the next round of scholarships. It was moved, seconded and passed that scholarships be continued for the second quarter for all students in good standing. Should any no longer prove eligible the scholarship chair with Corrine is to decide who else might be awarded a scholarship.

COMMUNICATIONS, Alverda Orlando, Robert Franson:

Alverda had no report. Robert raised a question regarding our meeting times. It was moved, seconded and passed that for January the meeting will begin at 10:00 a.m. to end by 12:30. This is to be made clear in the newsletter. Robert noted that the website has incurred some expense, and it was moved, seconded and passed that he be reimbursed for this.

PROGRAM COORDINATOR, Mary Hanlan:

Mary had no report, but mentioned that she had received favorable comment on last month's speaker, Emily Brodsky. November's speaker is to be David Sweet, an emeritus professor of history, and January is scheduled for the dean of the School of Engineering. In February Virginia Steel, UCSC librarian, will address us.

SCHOLARSHIP COORDINATOR, Shirley Forsyth:

No report.

AT LARGE, Priscilla Douglass, Audie Henry, Matt Miller:

No reports.

STARS, Corrine Miller:

Corrine noted that the memorandum of understanding should specify that our membership fees continue to go toward scholarships.

LAST MINUTE:

Robert Franson spoke of the changes in his life, which he believes people should be cognizant of. However, he said he continues to be willing to serve as next president-designate should the group so wish.

Meeting adjourned at noon.

ACTION ITEMS:

1. The yellow postcard should remind people of the upcoming class on dreams.
2. Florence is to have cakes for Jim Faris and Faye Alexander at our January meeting.

3. The newsletter will make clear our meeting time for the January meeting.
4. Mark will email Mary Hanlan to outline issues he would like to see addressed during the talk by the University librarian. (Robert Franson suggested a focus on Google's role in disseminating information, and questions were raised as to the lasting capacity of the materials and methods being used.)
5. The deadline for postcard info is the 21st, and the deadline for the newsletter is the 15th.

Minutes submitted by Nancy Mead

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## LIFELONG LEARNERS BOARD MEETING

THURSDAY, OCTOBER 16, 2008

Present: Kathy Cairns, Shirley Forsyth, Robert Franson, Mark Gordon, Mary Hanlan, Audie Henry, Nancy Mead, Dusty Miller, Matt Miller, Alverda Orlando, Florence Orenstein, Lou Rose, Lois Widom

Absent: Priscilla Douglass, Inga Hoffman, Robert Franson, Steve Zaslav

The meeting was called to order by President Mark Gordon at the Aptos Mobile Home Park clubhouse. Our hostess was Audie Henry, and Mark expressed our gratitude for her efforts in arranging the meeting. The next meeting will be held at the home of Priscilla Douglass.

It was noted that the previous minutes contained misspellings of two last names. Following those corrections, the minutes of the September 11 meeting were approved and accepted. Lou Rose also requested that the minutes include a list of "action" items, as a reminder to members who had in the course of the meeting agreed to performing certain tasks.

### PRESIDENT'S REPORT, Mark Gordon:

Mark gave an update on the status of negotiations with the Osher Foundation. The September 26 meeting at UCSC regarding the possibility of an Osher Grant was encouraging. However, it is anticipated that the Foundation will ask for more information on what the University is prepared to offer. Further meetings will take place, though we have no dates for these. Mark commented on the great diversity of design present in the various groups with which Osher is involved. He suggested our board members do a search to acquaint themselves with how other similar organizations operate.

Mark announced that we will have to change the date or the venue for our May meeting. He noted [Seymour Center](#) was a possibility and said he would check with Corrine about this. He

asked for latitude in making a resolution on the matter, and everyone informally agreed.

Mark said Doree had noted that a part of the last LLL meeting will be seen on Channel 27 November 13 and 15 and again on December 4 and 6.

Lois mentioned that the Santa Cruz Opera Society will have a program October 26 at the Calvary Episcopal Church in the evening. She expressed that we should try to support it as a tribute to Miriam Ellis, who is very involved in this offering. There was discussion of how to handle these special requests. It was moved and passed that at our next meeting we have an announcement of this event, to be made by Lois.

Mark reported on a meeting he had with Jim Faris and Wolfgang Rosenberg. They discussed the history of LLL. Mark believes that gathering a history of our group would be valuable. It was thought that Wolfgang would be a good person to do this. It was moved and passed that Wolfgang be asked to write up such a history.

There was discussion of the fact that Jim Faris is approaching his ninetieth birthday and Faye Alexander is nearing ninety-one. There is a general sentiment that some recognition of their contributions to our group would be in order. It was moved and passed that we have such an acknowledgment and celebration at our January meeting.

Matt Miller will continue to work with Mark in setting up for our meetings.

VICE-PRESIDENT'S REPORT, Robert Franson:

Shirley Forsyth announced the formation of a new creative writing group, with the focus to be on impromptu writings done within the group's meetings. Shirley will lead the group.

SECOND VICE-PRESIDENT'S REPORT, Dusty Miller:

Dusty is working on the directory. She had hoped to have it out by the end of October, but she said things are stalled at this point. They have a first draft and will print as soon as possible.

TREASURER, Lou Rose:

Lou presented the receipts since August 1, 2008, and noted that they are at an all-time high. It appears we will have a membership of 350. It was moved and passed that \$200.00 from the LLL operating fund be sent to the Corinne Armentrout Miller Endowment Fund.

Florence noted that musicians from UCSC need to be paid in cash at events and that we should have some provision for having cash on hand in such cases.

COMMUNICATIONS, Alverda Orlando:

Alverda announced she has most of what she needs for the newsletter. Steve is to format, and Alverda will collect any remaining material.

It was noted that the board meeting notice was not available on the website and that one of Lois's items was missing.

There were comments to the effect that we may need to print a greater number of yellow postcards.

PROGRAM COORDINATOR, Mary Hanlan:

Mary announced the speaker for November, David Sweet, and reminded us about the October speaker, Emily Brodsky. Generally speaking Mary has all this year's meetings covered as well as a list of people who would be willing to speak during the 2009=2010 year.

EVENTS, Florence Ornstein and Inga Hoffman:

Florence reported on the board's abalone dinner in September, a great success, but she noted that in the future we might want to have something planned for the after-dinner hour, to ensure that the evening doesn't end abruptly after the serving of dessert. She mentioned the probable Chancellor's holiday event to which LLL members will be invited, obviating a need for us to have a separate party of our own. She feels we need to make everyone aware of the Chancellor's party, even though formal invitations are sent out to all members of the various university support groups.

Florence wonders if people want to return to the Arboretum for our end-of-the-year party. There was discussion of this and possible alternatives, including the Seymour Center. These will be explored, and it remains open as to where the party will be held. It was moved and passed that we have a budget of \$2,000.00 as a ballpark figure and that we charge no more for the event next year than last.

LLL COURSES, Lois Widom:

Lois announced the two classes to be given by Todd Newberry, the three lectures in February by Bob Goff, and three sessions on German Romanticism in April with Miriam Ellis. In January we will also be offered a class on dream analysis given by a Jungian analyst. There was a general discussion of other things we might consider in the way of expanding our roster of classes.

SCHOLARSHIP, Shirley Forsyth:

No report.

AT LARGE, Kathy Cairns, Priscilla Douglass, Audie Henry, Matt Miller, Lois Widom, :

Audie asked if there were a way to specify the use of our funds in serving returning veterans.

LAST MINUTE ITEMS:

There was discussion of our membership fees. The consensus was to leave the present dues schedule in place at this time.

Meeting was adjourned at 11:55 a. m.

#### ACTION ITEMS:

1. Mark will check with Corinne on the feasibility of using the Seymour Center for our May meeting.
2. Lois will make an announcement at the October meeting of the Opera Society event.
3. Mark will contact Wolfgang about drafting a history of our organization.
4. Florence will arrange a cake and other details in commemoration of the birthdays of Jim . Faris and Faye Alexander.
5. Lou will follow up on sending a check to the Corinne A. Miller Endowment Fund.
6. Dusty will determine our envelope supply in order to assess when we will need new ones.

These minutes were recorded by Nancy Mead.

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#### LIFELONG LEARNERS EXECUTIVE MEETING

THURSDAY SEPTEMBER 11, 2008

Present: Kathy Cairns, Shirley Forsyth, Robert Franson, Mark Gordon, Mary Hanlan, Audie Henry, Inga Hoffman, Nancy Mead, Dusty Miller, Matt Miller, Alverda Orlando, Florence Orenstein, Lou Rose, Steve Zaslav  
Absent: Lois Widom, Corinne Miller, Priscilla Douglass

The meeting was held at 9:45 a.m. at the home of Inga Hoffman, who was thanked for her hospitality to the group.

The meeting was called to order by president Mark Gordon.

Minutes of the previous meeting of May 15, 2008, prepared by Steve Zaslav, were accepted as currently written (pending changes.) Mark urged that they be carefully reviewed and that corrections and additions be brought to the attention of Steve.

## PRESIDENT'S REPORT:

Mark Gordon made us aware that the University would now be charging \$200.00 for each use of the event center at Stevenson. The consensus was that we continue using the facility and budget to accommodate the fee.

Mark also announced a gift to LLL of \$1,000.00.

He went on to present a case for possibly seeking funds from the Osher Foundation. He expressed that he would not want to see any operational changes in our organization at the expense of accepting outside money. A meeting will be held at UCSC on September 26 regarding the possibilities of working with Osher. Mark will appoint a small group from our board to meet with him for further consideration of this matter.

Our next meeting will be held at the Aptos Mobile Home Park clubhouse, courtesy of Audie Henry.

It was announced that two previous winners of our scholarships will attend the LLL Meeting of Sunday, September 14, and will speak briefly.

Mark asked for help with the set-up for the Stevenson meetings. Matt Miller volunteered. Steve Zaslaw noted that we need better mikes.

Mark reminded everyone of the convocation called by President Blumenthal this afternoon at the UCSC Recital Hall.

Mark noted that he had a request from the Seymour Center for volunteers. Following discussion it was moved that any organization, non-profit and/or non-political, looking for volunteers and deemed of interest to our members could be considered for mention on our website. Motion passed with one objection.

## VICE PRESIDENT'S REPORT:

Robert Franson announced plans for the September 14 LLL meeting where signing up for interest groups will be the focus. New forms have been prepared. Each applicant will be asked to pay by check for the choices made. Any persons who have not yet joined will be directed to a table set up for that purpose. There will also be a table to register requests for additional interest groups. To date 100 sign-ups have already been received by mail. Robert reported that last year 547 registrations were received, resulting in a donation of \$3,780.00 to LLL programs and scholarships.

SECOND VICE-PRESIDENT: (no report)

## TREASURER'S REPORT;

Lou presented a detailed accounting of income and expense from last year, and included a projected budget for this year. Last year's income of \$14,801.00 left us with a comfortable



margin after expenses, but it is anticipated that this may not be true for the coming year. To that end it was decided by the group that the scholarship amount of \$200.00 per bequest not be increased. Lou moved that we attempt to reimburse Corrine Miller for her contribution of \$200.00 to the musicians at our party. This was unanimously agreed upon. Lou reminded everyone that when seeking reimbursement through the University a receipt is mandatory.

#### NEWSLETTER:

Alverda asked for write-ups from committees or interest groups so that these can be included in the newsletter.

#### WEBSITE:

Steve thinks an archive of past newsletters could be made available on the website. Bob Franson raised the question that some privileged information might thereby be circulated. Steve will look into how this might be managed.

#### YELLOW POSTCARD:

This will be continued. There was discussion of the timelines necessary to be observed for inclusion. Mid-month prior to publication was thought to be the deadline.

#### PROGRAM COORDINATOR:

Mary Hanlan spoke of her efforts in trying to schedule speakers. While she had a full complement of presenters, last-minute changes on the part of a few speakers has made for some upheaval. However, she is on track for the initial programs and will continue to work at juggling dates, etc.

#### EVENT COORDINATOR:

Florence Orenstein and Inga Hoffman reported on the event of June, 2008, at the Arboretum. This went smoothly and expenses were kept within budget. A success!

The September 20 abalone dinner for board members, interest group leaders, etc., was discussed. It was thought that board members should show up early (5:00) to be of help in setting up, etc.

#### LLL COURSES:

Let Lois know of anyone who might be willing to offer a course.

#### SCHOLARSHIP COORDINATOR:

The scholarship committee has met and has a slate of 19 candidates for awards. There was discussion of whether or not to increase the number slightly, but in the end, due to concerns about fiscal capability, it was moved to limit the number to 19. This was unanimously accepted.

AT LARGE MEMBERS: (no business)

The meeting was adjourned at 12:15.

Minutes were taken by Nancy Mead

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**Life Long Learners  
Board of Directors Meeting  
May 15, 2008**

*Present:* Kathy Cairns, Priscilla Douglass, Shirley Forsyth, Robert Franson, Mark Gordon, Mary Hanlan, Inga Hoffman, Nancy Mead, Corinne Miller, Matt Miller, Alverda Orlando, Florence Orenstein, Bill Patterson, Doree Steinmann, Lois Widom, Steve Zaslaw. *Absent:* Dusty Miller, Audie Henry, Lou Rose.

**President's Report:** Mark Gordon

- This board meeting, at Priscilla Douglass's home, is the last before summer hiatus.
- Mark mentioned staying in touch with the Harrisons.
- Article in Newsletter asking members for photos of IG activities for website? Bill Patterson will continue to gather such photos.
- Robert: At September general meeting, group leaders will stand to give brief introductions to their groups in addition to the written descriptions that will be provided. This was approved with Matt Miller dissenting.
- We will use the same enrollment process as last year.
- Mention of a travel interest group to plan and travel to a single location for a multiday trip.
- Shirley will lead 2<sup>nd</sup> writing interest group.
- Florence: Great Books had a meeting.

**Interest Groups:** Bill Paterson: Volunteers in Action were recognized for their service by the Santa Cruz city council.

**Program Coordinators:** Mary Hanlan handed out a detailed suggested speaker list. Kathy Cairns mentioned that Kimberly Jannarone, Assistant Professor of Theater Arts, would be our speaker at the May 18<sup>th</sup> general meeting.

**Membership:**

**Treasurer's Report:** Lou Rose's report was approved.

**Past President's Report:** Bill Patterson. The BOD cookout will be on September 20<sup>th</sup> at 6 p.m. at the Henrys' club house. (All food and labor to be contributed by attendees.)

**Communications Reports:** Postcard will state a May 20<sup>th</sup> deadline to register for the summer party. (We ended up with no deadline on the card.) We decided to keep publishing the postcard next academic year.

**Event Coordinators:** Florence Orenstein.

- Total cost of party is estimated at \$1900.
- Need Bill's "tents."
- Shirley will take checks at the general meeting and get bartenders:
- Suggested we consider having next year's June party at the Provost's House:

**Courses:**

- The leftover materials from the big bands course were sold for \$28.
- For next year, John Dizikes won't be giving a course.
- Bob Goff is willing to do a course: Buster Keton was mentioned.
- Miriam is interested in doing German Romanticism.
- Possibility of Bird Watching course from Todd Newberry.
- Corinne mentioned the idea of asking Melanie Mayer, chairwoman of the UCSC Emeriti Group, for speaker ideas from her membership.

**Scholarships:** All our scholarship recipients from this past year will be continuing studies at the University. Would like to have some at the September general meeting to talk to us as we did last September.

**STARS:** Corinne Miller.

STARS now has a program for entering veterans. There will be a fund raiser in June at the Capitola Book Café. There is now a way to pay the Quaker Meeting House. STARS deals with these kinds of students:

1. All transfer students
2. Re-entry students
3. Students who are parents
4. Former foster youth
5. One more group that Amy runs.

STARS has about 1000 students.

**FORUM:** Shirley mentioned mentoring program(?).

-- Steve Zaslav

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**Life Long Learners  
Board of Directors Meeting  
April 17, 2008**

Present: Mark Gordon, Alverda Orlando, Dusty Miller, Nancy Mead, Matt Miller, Robert Franson, Kathy Cairns, Lou Rose, Bill Patterson, Florence Orenstein, Lois Widom, Doree Steinmann, Priscilla Douglass, Corinne Miller. Absent: Audie Henry, Inga Hoffman, Shirley Forsyth, Steve Zaslav.

**President's Report:** Mark Gordon

1. Our May board meeting will be at Priscilla Douglass's home.
2. Sharing our experiences with UCSC: Mark is seeking ways of exchanging information with UCSC. He is seeking people to work on this and would like to form a committee. He asked approval from the board, which was granted.
3. Fall dinner for LLL Leads. The leads have been notified.
4. Yellow Postcard Producer: Mark won't do the yellow postcard again. It takes up a lot of time and focused energy and many things need attention. Mark wants to place his attention on other things. Steve Zaslav was nominated for this project and received lots of support from those present.
5. Facilities set-up team for 2008-9: Bill Patterson has enabled us to have better sound. The moving of this system is heavy and Bill wants to get committee, consisting of two or three people to set up the meeting room. Dusty says this would be a new committee and wanted to know who would take the primary responsibility. The people on this committee would have to be at the room by 9 a.m. Motion made to form a committee, second by Bill Patterson.
6. Chancellor's inauguration on June 6<sup>th</sup>: Mark wants a good showing from LLL.
7. Membership Issues, gift memberships, etc: After much discussion it was decided create a membership certificate. A phone call should be made to the recipients before the Sunday Meeting to welcome them. No action item was approved to actually create such a certificate.
8. Campus access for general meeting: Large group of people expected on campus for national protest of Marijuana laws. The University is expecting people coming from many colleges as gathering was advertised in many underground papers. Kiosks at entrances to the University will be staffed. Tell these folks who you are with and they will let you through. An e-bulletin went out to all members explaining the process and the situation.

**Election Committee:** Matt Miller. Have a full slate, but encourages nominations from the floor.

**Interest Groups:** Robert Franson: Question. Do people who join now have to pay another \$7.00 in September. Answer. No. The interest groups have been very successful this year thanks to Robert's watchful eye.

**Program Coordinators:** No report.

**Membership:** Dusty Miller. In September, LLL will meet on second Sunday. Dusty liked the table formation for Interest Group sign-ups. She felt that visualizing all the tables gives people an impressive idea of all that is available in LLL.

**Treasurer's Report:** Lou Rose. His report was accepted. Since we don't pay the class teachers it was suggested that we make a donation in their name. The up-coming opera was chosen. Second by Bill Patterson and Florence Orenstein.

**Past President's Report:** Bill Patterson. The abalone dinner will be on September 12 [later changed to Sept 20]. It was suggested that we invite people from the proposed committee. Five people have volunteered to form a committee to transport Bill to the abalone site and take care of him too. Lou Rose mentioned that we should invite Lifetime members also. That would be Tom Lehrer, Robert Goff, Miriam Ellis and John Dizikes. Corinne will do the paper work to make Tom Lehrer a lifetime member.

**Communications Reports:** At this time Newsletter was almost done. Robert wants comments by Friday

Website: In March there were 2610 hits. As of this meeting there were 1273 in April. Some discussion on Links. Corinne will talk to Mark, on STARS staff, about it so that a link goes automatically go to LLL website. Need to also check more often for inaccuracies on website. Robert wants to go live with Sylvia Miller fund page. Mark will ask Steve to do the yellow postcard for June and will work with him.

**Event Coordinators:** Florence Orenstein. Will make an announcement at Sunday's meeting. She needs a count of people coming to the end of year party soon. Food prices have escalated. Will only have two cases of wine, one white and one red. Will have pitchers of lemonade and water. Florence would like an e-mail to go out by May meeting.

**Winter Courses:** Miriam Ellis is open to next year and Robert Goff is also. Doree is stepping down from the board.

**Scholarships:** no report

**STARS:** Corinne Miller. Quaker center is available for two courses. We are to make a donation since Quakers do not bill people. UCSC is sending a pseudo invoice. Purchasing may become a vendor. The board discussed the challenge of making a

donation to the Quaker Meeting for the use of their space for our courses. Corinne will work on this.

**FORUM:** This organization does not have terms for board members. According to Robert Franson, if a board does not have terms, then the term of service is for one year. After the officers are elected the president then appoints the board who serve on a year by year basis.

Adjournment 11:25 a.m.

Respectfully submitted  
Alverda Orlando  
Acting secretary.

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**Lifelong Learners Board of Directors  
Minutes of BOD Meeting of Thursday, Mar 13, 2008**

Date of these minutes: April 15, 2008

**Greetings**

- Thanks to Priscilla for providing a beautiful setting for our meeting.
  
- Attendees: Kathy Cairns, Priscilla Douglass, Robert Franson, Mark Gordon, Shirley Forsyth, Inga Hoffman, Corinne Miller, Matt Miller, Florence Orenstein, Alverda Orlando, Bill Patterson, Lou Rose, Lois Widom, Steve Zaslav. Not present: Dusty Miller, Audie Henry, Corinne Miller, Doree Steinmann, .

**Minutes: Stephen Zaslav, Secy.**

The minutes of the February 14th meeting were approved.

**Reports and Plans**

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**President's Report: Mark Gordon**

- Next BOD meeting April 17th.
  
- Survey of member — four coupons returned. Will have copies of form available at general meeting.
  
- Stevenson Event Center not available for May general meeting, so return to coffee shop.
  
- Any member interested is invited to come to BOD meetings.

- All current officers except secretary will run again. Mark will make a pitch at general meeting for open secretary position.
- Bill will limit his role as past president.
- Chancellor's inauguration April 25th.
- UCSC Spring quarter begins end of April. Campus buddies are available.

**Election Committee: Matt Miller**

- Timeline
- Secretary position

**Vice President: Interest Groups, Robert Franson**

The following proposal from Robert was approved:

**UCSC Lifelong Learners Event Scheduling Protocol**

Scheduling conflicts can be very frustrating for our members, for interest group leaders and others scheduling LLL events, especially when a large event is scheduled against another popular event. We therefore recommend the following procedures:

1. Those scheduling events for Lifelong Learners, whether they are for interest groups, courses, or for some other function, should check the website calendar for any potential conflicts before they schedule their event;
2. If possible, they should avoid scheduling their event in conflict with another event that is already on the calendar;
3. If it is impossible to avoid the conflict, they should notify the person who has scheduled the first event so he or she is aware of the situation.

We know that it is impossible to avoid all conflicts in a group as large as ours, but we would ask all concerned to do their best to avoid unnecessary conflicts. And, as a matter of courtesy, if a conflict is unavoidable, the leaders who are affected should be notified of the conflict.

Florence said that the Great Books interest group is in abeyance because Faye is indisposed. Next meeting uncertain.

**Second Vice President: Membership, Dusty Miller**

**Treasurer's Report: Lou Rose**

Treasurer's Report for LLL General Meeting March 16 (All figures approx)

We have 320 members, 540 interest group participants and 165 course registrations.

During the academic year we have purchased a total of 59 book scholarships @ \$200 costing \$11,800:

- 19 in fall quarter
- 20 in winter quarter

20 in spring quarter

Net income for academic year 2007-08	\$15,000
Expenses for meetings & communications	<u>7,000</u>
Net income before scholarship expenses	\$8,000

40 of the 59 scholarships were purchased out of income, leaving net income of 0. 19 remaining scholarships were purchased out of LLL available balances. These available balances totaled \$16,800 at the beginning of the academic year, but after spending \$3,800 for the remaining scholarships, the available balances at the end of this year will be \$13,000.

In addition, there are unavailable balances of about \$13,000 in our endowment fund which earns about \$500/yr for the scholarships.

Lou also presented "LLL Activities & Receipts" sheet:

LLL Activities & Receipts

March 13, 2008 Lou Rose

	<u>2006-07</u>	<u>2007- Feb08</u>	<u>2007-Mar08</u>
Members	284	319	323
Interest Groups	380	528	542
Courses	154	133	165
Receipts from Memberships	\$7,950	\$8,932	\$9,044
Receipts from Interest Groups	2,660	3,696	3,794
Receipts from Courses	<u>3,090</u>	<u>2,660</u>	<u>3,300</u>
	\$13,700	\$15,288	\$16,138

**Past President's Report: Bill Patterson**

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**Communications Report**

**Newsletter: Alverda Orlando**

Will establish a schedule with Robert, Steve & Dusty for to enable receipt by members by May 1st.

**Website: Robert Franson and Steve Zaslav**

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**Yellow Postcard: Mark Gordon**

To include April meeting and opera dates.

**Program Coordinator: Kathy Cairns**

Kathy introduced next year's program coordinator, Mary Hanlan.

The Harrisons will speak at upcoming meeting. Kimberly Jannarone, assistant prof of theater, is our May speaker.



Mark met a cosmologist, [Joel Primack](#), and suggested him for possible future speaker.

### **Event Coordinators: Florence Orenstein & Inga Hoffman**

The June 7th summer party: Discussed charging less for non-drinkers, but idea rejected. Will have three cases of wine this year down from four last year. We will sell any bottles that remain. Music: guitar/mandolin duet. This will go on yellow postcard. (?was this said?) Party limited to 125 people. Figures on wine/food will be reported at April BOD meeting.

### **Winter Courses: Doree Steinmann & Lois Widom**

Lois: Both courses going well. Problem getting University to "contribute" without an invoice for the Quaker Center. Will announce reminder of last course at general meeting. Mark will send letters of thanks to the professors/instructor who taught the courses. Bob Goff is interested in giving a philosophy of religion course next year.

### **Scholarship Coordinator: Shirley Forsyth**

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### **Board Members at Large**

Priscilla Douglass, Audie Henry, Matt Miller, Doree Steinmann, Lois Widom  
Matt and Bill discussed idea for new interest group, obituary writing. Will present at general meeting.

### **STARS — Corinne Miller & Amy Hamel**

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### **Last Minute Items**

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### **Forum**

LLL growth. Group felt it best to pursue organic growth rather than seek new members actively.

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## **Lifelong Learners Board of Directors Minutes of BOD Meeting of Thursday, Feb 14, 2008**

Date of these minutes: Mar. 13, 2008

### **Greetings**

- Thanks to Inga for providing a beautiful setting for our meeting.
- Attendees: Kathy Cairns, Robert Franson, Mark Gordon, Audie Henry, Inga Hoffman, Corinne Miller, Matt Miller, Dusty Miller, Florence Orenstein, Alverda Orlando, Bill Patterson, Lou Rose, Steve Zaslaw. Not present: Lois Widom, Doree Steinmann, Shirley Forsyth, Priscilla Douglass.

### **Minutes: Stephen Zaslaw, Secy.**

The minutes of the January 17th meeting were approved.

### **Reports and Plans**

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## **President's Report: Mark Gordon**

- Next BOD meeting March 13 at Priscilla Douglass's house.
- Survey of members.
- Dizikes Concert on March 9th — put in Newsletter.
- Move to Stevenson Event Center — Discussed various fine points of how to improve the venue subsequent to our first experience there last month.
- Florence wants to use table setup at Summer Party.
- Election planning — A nomination committee chaired by Matt Miller and including Florence and Bill Patterson was set up.
- Decided to mention passing of Beverly Levine at Sunday meeting.
- Mark will be out of the country from Feb 18th to Mar 7th.

## **Vice President: Interest Groups, Robert Franson**

- Wine group had their first event.
- Announce at Sunday meeting: wine group and great books. Lois to announce the John Dizikes Musical Event, the concert performance of "Bluebeard's Castle," at the meeting and explain LLL's role in helping to fund it.
- Discussed non-paying IG attendees and left it up to group leaders to deal with but will encourage them to remind people to pay since the money is needed for scholarships. Mark will speak to general meeting.

## **Second Vice President: Membership, Dusty Miller**

Steve Zaslav will do the addendum to the membership directory.

## **Treasurer's Report: Lou Rose**

Lou presented "LLL Activities & Receipts" sheet.

### LLL Activities & Receipts

Feb 14, 2008 Lou Rose

	<u>2006-07</u>	<u>2007- Jan08</u>	<u>2007- Feb08</u>
Members	284	304	319
Interest Groups	380	515	528
Courses	154	112	133
Receipts from Memberships	\$7,950	\$8,512	\$8,932
Receipts from Interest Groups	2,660	3,605	3,696
Receipts from Courses	<u>3,090</u>	<u>2,240</u>	<u>2,660</u>

\$13,700

\$14,357

\$15,288

### **Past President's Report: Bill Patterson**

- Bill will announce CPR Class at Sunday meeting.

### **Communications Report**

#### **Newsletter: Alverda Orlando**

Subjects to include in upcoming newsletter: nominating committee; Bluebeard opera; June party announcement; March and April courses; financial aid for LLL members is available.

#### **Website: Robert Franson and Steve Zaslav**

Space on website for memorial services will be provided on the Recent News page.

#### **Yellow Postcard: Mark Gordon**

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### **Program Coordinator: Kathy Cairns**

- Lou will introduce the speaker Mark Hylkema for the Sunday meeting and make sure we start on time.
- Kathy has found a replacement for program coordinator and she will be asked to visit the next board meeting.

### **Event Coordinators: Florence Orenstein & Inga Hoffman**

The June 7th summer party: can't get string quartet we had last year. Ask Amy to help on identifying music possibilities. Email sent to wineries asking for donations or price breaks. Will need Bill's canopies. All costs for party are rising. Will charge \$20/person for admittance. We will probably take a loss. Discussed charging for wine but idea was rejected.

### **Winter Courses: Doree Steinmann & Lois Widom**

- Big Band Course was reported to have been a success. On going course was going well.

### **Scholarship Coordinator: Shirley Forsyth**

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### **Board Members at Large**

Priscilla Douglass, Audie Henry, Matt Miller, Doree Steinmann, Lois Widom

### **STARS — Corinne Miller & Amy Hamel**

- At the last BOD meeting, Priscilla Douglass raised the issue of student textbook rentals as to how that might affect our scholarship recipients since the scholarships are only good at the Bay Tree Bookstore. Corinne reported back that the Bay Tree Bookstore does not rent textbooks.

### **Last Minute Items**

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### **Forum**

Do we want to print extra copies of Newsletter as something to leave around to promote group. No. Decided organic growth is best. Lifetime membership for Robert Goff and his wife was approved.

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## **Lifelong Learners Board of Directors**

### **Minutes of BOD Meeting of Thursday, Jan 17, 2008**

Date of these minutes: Feb. 12, 2008

#### **Greetings**

- Thanks to Priscilla for providing a beautiful setting for our meeting.
- Attendees: Kathy Cairns, Priscilla Douglass, Mark Gordon, Inga Hoffman, Corinne Miller, Matt Miller, Florence Orenstein, Alverda Orlando, Lou Rose, Lois Widom, Robert Franson, Steve Zaslav.

#### **Minutes: Stephen Zaslav, Secy.**

The minutes of the December 13th meeting were approved as corrected.

#### **Reports and Plans**

##### **President's Report: Mark Gordon**

- Raised question of where to hold the February BOD meeting.
- Mentioned that a sign would direct members to the new meeting venue at the monthly meeting.
- Reported on his meeting with the Affiliates Board. They can come to our General Meetings.
- Stated he would announce Kathy's plan not to continue as event coordinator and solicit volunteers for that post at upcoming General Meeting.
- Discussed with Dean Bill Ladusaw LLL doing a survey of our members for a directory of resources we might provide to UCSC professors. Was agreed that Inga, Mark, and Shirley would work on a questionnaire for the March newsletter.

##### **Vice President: Interest Groups, Robert Franson**

Mark, representing Robert:

- Wine group should announce their next activity this Sunday.
- The announcement of Faye Alexander's interest group, Great Books, will be postponed until the February General Meeting

##### **Second Vice President: Membership, Dusty Miller**

Discussed postage issue for newsletter and postcard. Will determine how can send newsletter for \$0.41. The BOD decided to stay with first class rather than bulk rate because of time-sensitive nature of newsletter and postcard.

##### **Treasurer's Report: Lou Rose**

Lou presented "LLL Activities & Receipts" comparing the entire 2006-07 year with the 2007-08 year-to-date.

### **Past President's Report: Bill Patterson**

- Bill will announce at the January General Meeting his medical-emergency training session, to be held in February in Stevenson Event Center after the lecture ends at noon.
- Bill suggested that a biography of Sylvia Miller appear in the newsletter to publicize her story with the goal of raising more funds for scholarships.
- Bill suggested that LLL have a booth at the arts festival on the wharf in June, but the idea was not accepted.

### **Communications Report**

#### **Newsletter: Alverda Orlando**

Will write and distribute a schedule for the March newsletter.

#### **Website: Robert Franson and Steve Zaslav**

It was requested that the activity of our website be reported. Here are the January 2008 statistics:

These will not be reported here in future. You can find the statistics at <http://lifelong-learners.wikispaces.com/space/stats/overview>.

#### **Yellow Postcard: Mark Gordon**

Mark will prepare the postcard for delivery at the beginning of February. The closing date was set as 21 January.

#### **Program Coordinator: Kathy Cairns**

- January speaker is Psychology Professor Bruce Bridgeman. His talk will be *Environment, Population and You*.
- February speaker will be Mark Hylkema, Archaeologist: "Lifeways of the Ohlone Indians of California, Past and Present."

- March speakers will be Helen Mayer Harrison and Newton Harrison whose field is Eco-Art. (See [http://greenmuseum.org/content/artist\\_index/artist\\_id-81.html](http://greenmuseum.org/content/artist_index/artist_id-81.html))
- Brian Staufienbiel and Professor Nicole Paiement will be our speakers for the April meeting and will talk about the opera they're putting on at UCSC this year, *The Consul*, by Gian Carlo Menotti.
- The May speaker will be Kimberly Jannarone of the Theatre Arts Department.

**Event Coordinators: Florence Orenstein & Inga Hoffman**

The June 7th summer party will cost more this year. \$550 for the Arboretum, and we'll need more food than last year. We will need the canopies that Bill so generously provided last year. We will request contributions or discounts from local wineries. We will raise the charge to \$20/person. Florence and Lou will work on figuring out the cost of the event.

**Winter Courses: Doree Steinmann & Lois Widom**

- Doree and Lois will investigate venues for Miriam Ellis's April course.
- The issue of how to pay the Quaker Center was mentioned.

**Scholarship Coordinator: Shirley Forsyth**

**Board Members at Large**

Priscilla Douglass, Audie Henry, Matt Miller, Doree Steinmann, Lois Widom  
 Priscilla raised the issue of student textbook rentals as to how that might affect our scholarship recipients since the scholarships are only good at the Bay Tree Bookstore. Corinne will investigate that issue.

**STARS — Corinne Miller & Amy Hamel**

- Corinne handed out invitations to the "dessert extravaganza," Friday, January 25th.
- Amy will read a thank-you letter from one of our scholarship recipients at the General Meeting.
- The arrangements for the setup of the Stevenson Event Center have been made.

**Last Minute Items**

**Forum**

**Lifelong Learners Board of Directors  
 Minutes of BOD Meeting of Thursday, Dec 13, 2007**

Date of these minutes: Jan 14, 2008

**Greetings**

Thanks to Priscilla for providing a beautiful setting for our meeting.  
 Attendees: Kathy Cairns, Priscilla Douglass, Shirley Forsyth, Mark Gordon, Inga Hoffman, Matt Miller, Florence Orenstein, Alverda Orlando, Bill Patterson, Lou Rose, Doree Steinmann, Steve Zaslaw, Corinne Miller.

**Minutes: Stephen Zaslaw, Secy.**

The minutes of the November 15th meeting were approved as amended.

**Reports and Plans**

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**President's Report: Mark Gordon**

Motion to move the general meeting to the Stevenson Event Center was approved.

We will continue our lectures in room 150 if it doesn't cost us additional charges.

**Vice President: Interest Groups, Robert Franson**

Mark, representing Robert, had no issues.

**Second Vice President: Membership, Dusty Miller**

There will be no change in the charge for LLL ID buttons. Dusty would like to advertise in the Newsletter for people to pick up their badges at the general meeting.

A motion was introduced and approved to state in the Newsletter that financial considerations should not be a barrier to LLL or IG membership.

**Treasurer's Report: Lou Rose**

Lou reported that 300 members had paid with \$8400 in income from this. There were 487 IG signups academic year-to-date and 24 winter course registrations.

**Past President's Report: Bill Patterson**

Bill wants to hold the meeting to train interested people in how to handle medical emergencies in February in Stevenson Event Center after the lecture ends at noon. There will be no charge and any number may attend. He plans to follow up in March with training for children's medical emergencies.

**Communications Report**

**Newsletter: Alverda Orlando**

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**Website: Robert Franson and Steve Zaslav**

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**Yellow Postcard: Mark Gordon**

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**Program Coordinator: Kathy Cairns**

Kathy plans to retire as program coordinator after this academic year. She will announce this at the general meeting and ask for volunteers to take over the responsibilities.

Members of the Board expressed gratitude to Kathy for the excellent work she's done over the past several years as Program Coordinator.

Brian Staufenbiel and Professor Nicole Paiement will be our speakers for the April meeting and will talk about the opera they're putting on at UCSC this year, *The Consul* by Minotti.

**Event Coordinators: Florence Orenstein & Inga Hoffman**

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**Winter Courses: Doree Steinmann & Lois Widom**

Was decided to do an e-bulletin to advertise the Big Bands course. Steve suggested that the course be featured in the January Newsletter and on the website home page. Lois mentioned that Bob Goff needs a blackboard for his course. It was decided not to include signup for the Romanticism course in the January newsletter coupon.

**Scholarship Coordinator: Shirley Forsyth**

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**Board Members at Large**

Priscilla Douglass, Audie Henry, Matt Miller, Doree Steinmann, Lois Widom

## **STARS**

Corinne Miller (Voting board member)

Corinne mentioned that there will be a “dessert extravaganza” Friday, January 25th from 7 to 9 at the STARS academic resources center, 2nd floor. It is up hill from the recital center; park in the recital hall parking lot. RSVP to Sally Lester if going to attend.

Amy Hamel

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## **Last Minute Items**

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## **Forum**

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### **Lifelong Learners Board of Directors Minutes of BOD Meeting of Thursday, Nov 15, 2007**

Date of these minutes: Dec 12, 2007

#### **Greetings**

Thanks to Priscilla for providing a beautiful setting for our meeting.

Attendees: Kathy Cairns, Priscilla Douglass, Shirley Forsyth, Robert Franson, Mark Gordon, Inga Hoffman, Matt Miller, Florence Orenstein, Alverda Orlando, Bill Patterson, Lou Rose, Doree Steinmann, Steve Zaslav, Elizabeth Stockard, Faye Alexander, Brooke Ewoldsen, Marilyn Wingfield.

#### **Minutes: Stephen Zaslav, Secy.**

The minutes of the October 18th meeting were approved as written.

#### **Reports and Plans**

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#### **President’s Report: Mark Gordon**

Mark reported on meetings with Ellen Sukiel and Bill Ladusaw.

Ellen helped us obtain Stevenson Event Center to replace too-small coffee shop for our meetings; she was able to arrange to have the usual room rental charges waived.

Bill would like to ratchet up our status — that we bring something to campus beyond our scholarship work and monthly meetings. Spoke of establishing a database of skills/interests of our members to use as a campus resource. Florence made a motion to establish a committee to exploring our motivations and uses for such a database. It was approved and Matt Miller volunteered to join. Lou Rose has suggestions he wishes to contribute for committee consideration.

We can highlight on our website UCSC classes perhaps of special interest to our members or where they are especially welcome to attend.

Mark will no longer use a timer at the General Meetings.

#### **Vice President: Interest Groups, Robert Franson**



Robert reported on two additional Volunteers in Action (VIA) IG "missions." The BOD approved the creation of this interest group and decided that members would not have to pay the \$7 interest-group fee.

The BOD approved a Great Books interest group, led by Faye Alexander.

BOD approved a wine tasting interest group, led by Brooke Ewoldsen and Marilyn Wingfield. Elizabeth Stockard reported the creative writing group's book, *The Sandbox*, had been published and would be sold for \$10, \$2 of which would go to LLL for scholarships. The books cost \$8 each to print. It was agreed to set up a table to sell the book at the Sunday General Meeting and to add the book to the website.

### **Second Vice President: Membership, Dusty Miller**

We will transition this to electronic form for next year's book so Dusty will not have to do it manually. Steve agreed to contact Kira Steinberg to discuss how we might do this.

### **Treasurer's Report: Lou Rose**

See Forum discussion, below.

### **Past President's Report: Bill Patterson**

Bill wants to hold a meeting to train interested people in how to handle medical emergencies.

### **Communications Report**

#### **Newsletter: Alverda Orlando**

There will be a newsletter in early January, but the deadlines are not yet set.

#### **Website: Robert Franson and Steve Zaslav**

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#### **Yellow Postcard: Mark Gordon**

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### **Program Coordinator: Kathy Cairns**

The BOD approved an expense reimbursement for our upcoming speaker on the Ohlone Indians.

Kathy reported that the January speaker had not yet been set up.

Kathy reported success in getting music lecturer Brian Staufenbiel and his wife, Professor Nicole Paiement, to speak to our General Meeting about their opera for this year, the Minotti opera *The Consul*.

### **Event Coordinators: Florence Orenstein & Inga Hoffman**

The Chancellor's holiday party will be held at the University Center on the campus on Sunday, December 16th, from 3 to 5 p.m.

### **Winter Courses: Doree Steinmann & Lois Widom**

Doree reported that sixteen people had signed up for *Big Bands of the 30s and 40s*. The other courses, not yet scheduled, are *Four Philosophers Who Still Matter*, *American Women Poets of the Twentieth Century*, and *Romanticism*. It was agreed (in Lois's absence) that we will need to have dates and venue final for the January Newsletter. In considering the Quaker Center, it was agreed that size limitation of 80 people was not a problem.

The need for a video projector for April course was discussed (I don't remember this or details if it was discussed.)

### **Scholarship Coordinator: Shirley Forsyth**

It was repeated what was reported in last month's minutes that the BOD approved increasing the number of scholarships from 19 to 20 for the second and third quarters of this academic year.

## **Board Members at Large**

Priscilla Douglass, Audie Henry, Matt Miller, Doree Steinmann, Lois Widom

## **STARS**

Corinne Miller (Voting board member)

Amy Hamel

## **Last Minute Items**

### **Forum**

Lou rose presented a detailed finance report and projections with a recommendation and motion that \$6900 in be allocated to the endowment. The board rejected the motion.

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## **Lifelong Learners Board of Directors Minutes of BOD Meeting of Thursday, Oct. 18, 2007**

Date of these minutes: Nov 07, 2007

### **Greetings**

Thanks to Priscilla for providing a beautiful setting for our meeting.

Attendees: Kathy Cairns, Priscilla Douglass, Shirley Forsyth, Robert Franson, Mark Gordon, Audie Henry, Inga Hoffman, Corinne Miller, Matt Miller, Florence Orenstein, Alverda Orlando, Bill Patterson, Lou Rose, Doree Steinmann, Lois Widom, Steve Zaslav

### **Minutes: Stephen Zaslav, Secy.**

It was decided to post minutes on web site ([http://lifelong-learners.wikispaces.com/BOD\\_Minutes](http://lifelong-learners.wikispaces.com/BOD_Minutes)) and keep the official copy in a binder held by the President.

### **Reports and Plans**

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#### **President's Report: Mark Gordon**

Thanks to Bill Patterson and Audie Henry for BOD/Interest Group Leaders Abalone Dinner. Mark sent letter to George Blumenthal congratulating him on his appointment to Chancellor. Mark spoke to people from the UCSC Extension and the Board agreed that their [Osher Lifelong Learning Institutes](#) may offer courses of interest to our members. We would put notices of such courses on our web site at <http://lifelong-learners.wikispaces.com/WhatsNew>).

#### **Vice President: Interest Groups, Robert Franson**

The Volunteers in Action (VIA) IG has informally formed and has done two "missions." (These are written up in the Nov-Dec Newsletter available at <http://lifelong-learners.wikispaces.com/space/showimage/LLLNewsletter-V5.pdf>).

Other possibilities for new interest groups in the talking stage of development are a Great Books group, proposed by Faye Alexander, and a wine tasting group, proposed by Brooke Ewoldsen and Marilyn Wingfield.

There was a general discussion about the September 16th Interest Group signup meeting at Stevenson, and opinions varied about the need and success of the signups in the Fireside

room, but a consensus was reached and the Board agreed it was good and to reserve the room same time next year. There was some agreement that the group leaders should have the opportunity to present their groups at the meeting

### **Second Vice President: Membership, Dusty Miller**

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### **Treasurer's Report: Lou Rose**

The finance committee distributed a "Report for Oct 18 Board Meeting" which is available on request.

Lou presented a spreadsheet, a revised version of which is at the end of this file, titled LLL FUNDS 10/17/07 (Rev 10/18/07).

He also presented a spreadsheet "Estimated Income & Expenses FY 06/07 (LR-10/17/07)" which is available on request.

Lou Rose, reporting for the Finance Committee, introduced two motions:

1. Establishment of a scholarship fund promotion committee — voted down unanimously.
- 2.
3. Maintain \$5000 as a reserve Fund — approved by Board.

### **Past President's Report: Bill Patterson**

Bill reported that at the rate of 19 scholarships which we authorized for the first quarter, we are on track to spend \$11,400 on scholarships this academic year.

The new VIA group is on call with five organizations. Although their primary focus is to aid the University, another goal is community outreach.

### **Communications Report**

#### **Newsletter: Alverda Orlando**

The Nov – Dec newsletter was to be delivered to the printer on the 22nd and mailed out by the 31st.

#### **Website: Robert Franson and Steve Zaslav**

Robert paid \$50, the yearly charge for our website hosting. The board approved that and approved a motion that authorized this expenditure annually.

#### **Yellow Postcard: Mark Gordon**

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### **Program Coordinator: Kathy Cairns**

Kathy spoke of our November speaker — Lisa C. Sloan, Professor of Earth & Planetary Sciences, who will speak on *Global Warming and California's Future Climate* (see <http://lifelong-learners.wikispaces.com/space/showimage/LLLNewsletter-V5.pdf> or <http://lifelong-learners.wikispaces.com/speakers>.)

She also said that Don Kroll, whom we'd discussed at the last BOD meeting (see "Minutes of BOD Meeting of Wednesday, Sept 12, 2007" at [http://lifelong-learners.wikispaces.com/BOD\\_Minutes](http://lifelong-learners.wikispaces.com/BOD_Minutes)), is just starting up and would be better for next year.

Kathy mentioned other speakers she has in the works.

The Board strongly encouraged Kathy to try to get music lecturer Brian Staufenbiel and his wife, Professor Nicole Paiement, to speak to our General Meeting about their opera for this year, "The Dialog of the Carmelites," by Francis Poulenc.

She also mentioned that it would be appropriate to have another Shakespeare Santa Cruz General Meeting speaker, not this year, but in a future year.

### **Event Coordinators: Florence Orenstein & Inga Hoffman**

The Chancellor's holiday party will be held at the University Center on the campus on Sunday, December 16th, from 3 to 5 p.m. We expect if things are done the same as last year, each LLL member will receive a mailed invitation. It was expressed that it's bad form to RSVP and not show up, and perhaps Mark wants to mention this at the November General Meeting.

### **Winter Courses: Doree Steinmann & Lois Widom**

Winter courses will start January 8 with *Big Bands of the 30s and 40s*. The other courses, not yet scheduled, are *Four Philosophers Who Still Matter*, *American Women Poets of the Twentieth Century*, and *Romanticism*. These are detailed in the Newsletter at <http://lifelong-learners.wikispaces.com/space/showimage/LLLNewsletter-V5.pdf> and at <http://lifelong-learners.wikispaces.com/classes>. Lois is working on venue and time for other classes and is considering the [Quaker Meeting House](#).

### **Scholarship Coordinator: Shirley Forsyth**

In light of the finances reported by Lou Rose, the BOD approved increasing the number of scholarships from 19 to 20 for this year. This would apply to the 2nd and 3rd quarters.

### **Board Members at Large**

Priscilla Douglass, Audie Henry, Matt Miller, Doree Steinmann, Lois Widom

Matt asked if we know how many people have computers and about providing a "computer buddy" for those who don't. The following was to be added to the Newsletter in response to Matt's comments.

Many interest group leaders use email to communicate with members. If you do not have email, perhaps a relative, friend, or neighbor would receive it for you. Please forward changed and new email addresses to Robert Franson, [rfranson@cruzio.com](mailto:rfranson@cruzio.com).

### **STARS**

Corinne Miller (Voting board member)

Amy Hamel

### **Last Minute Items**

#### **Forum**

(30 minutes reserved for an extended discussion on a topic raised by the Board)  
Lois Widom reported that \$200 has been given to the Cowell College Dizikes Concert fund as a way of honoring the teachers of last year's Winter Classes— John Dizikes, David Kaun, and Miriam Ellis. There will be a concert in the Spring and the venue will be changed to a bigger room so the Lifelong Learner members can be invited.

### **Attachment**

Treasurer's Report:

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**Lifelong Learners Board of Directors  
Minutes of BOD Meeting of Wednesday, Sept 12, 2007**

**Greetings**

Thanks to Priscilla for opening her home for our meetings.

**Minutes: Stephen Zaslav, Secy.**

Attendees: All members were present except Robert Franson, Shirley Forsyth, Doree Steinmann, Corinne Miller.

**Reports and Plans**

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**President's Report: Mark Gordon**

Agenda and plan for General Meeting

There is an executive committee (consisting of Mark, Dusty Miller, Robert Franson, Lou Rose, Steve Zaslav and Bill Patterson) that meets from time to time; others may be invited

Mark is interested in continuing to explore intergenerational work with UC.

There was a discussion of Agenda for general meeting and procedures for interest-group signups.

The minutes should include decisions made at the meeting.

**Vice President: Interest Groups, Robert Franson**

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**Second Vice President: Membership, Dusty Miller**

Dusty suggested membership count be included in next Newsletter, Nov – Dec.

**Treasurer's Report: Lou Rose**

Lou presented and explained the financials and was given a round of applause for making it comprehensible. The report is attached in two Excel files. Lou also presented a written statement titled "Some ways to Pay for more Scholarships in 07/08." This is also attached, in text format.

It was decided to form a finance subcommittee with Lou Rose, Shirley Forsyth, Inga Hoffman, and Bill Patterson. They may make some recommendations at next board meeting.

The LLL board approved a motion by Lois Widom to donate \$200 to John Dizikes's small concert fund administered by the Provost of Cowell College. The amount will come out of our general fund.

**Past President's Report: Bill Patterson**

Bill's request for authorization to buy a second microphone for \$97 was approved.

**Communications Report**

**Newsletter: Alverda Orlando**

The deadline for submission to the Nov – Dec Newsletter is Oct 15.

**Website: Robert Franson and Steve Zaslav**

The website is up to date with the many new fall activities.

**Yellow postcard: Mark Gordon**

This is in progress.

**Program Coordinator: Kathy Cairns**

Future speakers: General feeling was that we wanted academic speakers rather than lifestyle speakers, for example, not speakers on health or other issues of day-to-day concern to seniors, because these speakers and such information is available from other sources and is not in our tradition.

Kathy suggested she pursue two possible speakers, [Lisa Sloan](#), Professor of Earth & Planetary Sciences and Paleoclimatology, and Don Croll, Assistant Professor of EEBiology. Don might talk about the [Natural Reserves System of UC](#). (See also <http://bio.research.ucsc.edu/people/croll/main.html>.)

These ideas met with informal board approval.

### **Event Coordinators: Florence Orenstein & Inga Hoffman**

The June 2008 summer party will again be at the Arboretum and we'll again have the string quartet playing. It is believed that the costs will be substantially higher in 2008 than 2007. We may have to charge more. If it is too expensive we can use De Anza but it may be too small for us. If the Chancellor does not have his holiday party in December, we will have our own.

### **Winter Courses: Doree Steinmann & Lois Widom**

Courses, publicity, plans for registration: There will be four courses this winter as outlined in the Newsletter and the website. The fee for courses will be \$20. We should put on the website that scholarship help is available once the mechanism to apply is established. Not sure who will pursue that.

The question was raised if the courses should be held at the Quaker Center because it's centrally located for LLL members and the parking is plentiful. This will be investigated by Lois Widom.

### **Scholarship Coordinator: Shirley Forsyth**

Results of Scholarship Committee meeting, reported by Steve Zaslav:

There were 43 applications and each was read by five committee members and rated. Due to financial constraints, the board decided to limit the number of scholarships awarded to 19. Last year there were 17 awarded and our balance on hand declined substantially, so we cannot sustain the current number unless our finances improve. (See also, Treasurer's report, above.) We need to decide how much of a "reserve" we'd like to maintain. All of these questions were referred to the Finance Committee.

### **At Large Board Members**

Priscilla Douglass, Audie Henry, Matt Miller

### **STARS**

Corinne Miller (Voting board member)

Amy Hamel

### **Last Minute Items**

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### **Forum**

(30 minutes reserved for an extended discussion on a topic raised by the Board)

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Draft: LIFELONG LEARNERS — BOARD OF DIRECTORS MINUTES — 12 April 2007

Includes information resulting from the 15 April General Meeting. Date of Minutes: 26 April.

PRESIDENT, Bill Patterson

PAST PRESIDENT, Doree Steinmann

The final Winter Classes session, John Dizikes and Miriam Ellis, "Romanticism: France and the United States," has finished. Will attempt to schedule three Winter Classes next year. John Dizikes will no longer be giving courses. Suggestions for presenters is needed. Problems with the venue for the courses were discussed.

The nominating committee has a slate and, as announced at the 15 April General Meeting, it is:

President: Mark Gordon

Vice President: Robert Franson

Treasurer: Lou Rose

2nd Vice President: Dusty Miller

Secretary: Steve Zaslav

As announced at the General Meeting, nominations are welcome from the floor. There will be an election at the 20 May General Meeting.

Brought forward from previous minutes: An [eBulletin](#) with the nominees names should follow up the April meeting.

VICE PRESIDENT, Mark Gordon

Met with UCSC library people with goal of increasing LLL-member access to UCSC library resources short of giving us library IDs.

SECRETARY, Steve Zaslav

TREASURER, Robert Begun

We made \$1500 on winter classes. We have 315 members. We have, to date, 373 interest-group signups and 23 signups for party. We have \$4400 in scholarship fund. The Treasurer presented a written budget statement.

NEWSLETTER EDITOR - INTEREST GROUP COORDINATOR, Matt Miller

Matt is retiring as Newsletter Editor. Florence suggested Alverda Orlando who agreed and will hold a meeting to discuss transition.

Matt is retiring as Interest Group Leader. Robert Franson agreed to take that position.

We will continue with current policy for interest-group membership. See also LLL BOD minutes of 15 March 2007.

HONORARY - AT LARGE BOARD MEMBERS, Lois Widom, Elaine Heyman

PROGRAM, Kathy Cairns

Speakers for reminder of year described. May Speaker for LLL will be Jim Faris . See [Speakers Program](#).

September general meeting will be same as this year — A few book scholarship recipients will be invited to address us briefly and there will be interest group signups. We will work to better organize the signup process.

Dr. Michael Hutchison, Professor of Economics is scheduled for October. He will talk on the globalization of our modern economy.

Kathy mentioned her interest in Marshall Rosenberg, conflict resolution, and Emily Brodsky, geology, and the board agreed that she is welcome to pursue them as possible speakers.

MEMBERSHIP, Dusty Miller

EVENTS COORDINATORS, Florence Orenstein and Inga Hoffman

Cut-off for June 2nd party registration will be 3 weeks prior to party. There is room for parking of 30 - 40 cars at Arboretum.

WEBSITE, eBULLETIN, Robert Franson

SCHOLARSHIP COMMITTEE, Shirley Forsyth, Coordinator

There were two dropouts from our scholarship program, so for the final trimester we had 16 scholarships.

STARS DIRECTOR, Corinne Miller

