

OSHER LIFELONG LEARNING INSTITUTE
at the University of Delaware in Dover

Council Meeting Minutes

January 8, 2018

ATTENDANCE: Cheryl Moore, Betty Ipnar, Anna Moshier, Joe Bailey, Betsy Patterson, Phyllis Handler, Ronnie Grady, Madelyn Wright, Caroline Baxter.

CALL TO ORDER: The meeting was called to order at 10:00 a.m.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES: The December minutes were approved as submitted.

NEW BUSINESS:

Scheduled Events Requiring Council Approval:

Anna Moshier reported that there are no requests requiring approval at this time.

Council Nominating Process:

In accordance with the Bylaws, the terms of three Council members expire in 2018 -- Community Relations (Betsy Patterson), Travel (Madelyn Wright) and Secretary (Caroline Baxter). Cheryl Moore appointed Betsy Patterson as the nominating team leader who appoints two additional team members. At the March meeting, the nominating team will propose three nominees to the Council. After the March meeting, the slate of nominees will be posted to the membership. At this time, additional nominations may be accepted from the general membership until the election in April. An official nominating form is required for nominations from the general membership. At the April meeting, Council elects three new Council members.

TEAM REPORTS:

Course Development:

Ronnie Grady submitted a report summarizing the team's goals for the coming year. The team is meeting next week to begin gathering courses for the June session and hopes to have them finalized in time to have something for the 55+ Expo on April 18. She is exploring having sub-committee chairpersons for the major categories for courses – history, information technology, science/math, languages, music/theater appreciation, performing arts, art/art history, and health/fitness/life skills. She said that she would like to see the health and fitness area grow. She has talked to Alice Cataldi about the lack of language offerings this semester. The team has a lot of work to do to securing new instructors, courses and activities. Dr. Steward Nap, retired professor at Wesley College, expressed interest in music and computer areas. Ronnie reminded the Council that they are all ambassadors for OLLI and encouraged everyone to make contacts and have them contact her at vagrady1@gmail.com if there is an interest.

Phyllis Handler mentioned that Modern Maturity Center has someone teaching an Italian language class. Ronnie said she would encourage her team members to make contact. Joe Bailey asked if there had been contact with Mary Elizabeth Phillips. Ronnie said that she had contacted her, but at the time, Mary Elizabeth was unable to participate. Ronnie said she would contact her again.

Member Relations:

Betty Ipnar reported she had sent out the schedule for the hospitality team. The team is coordinating a snack cupboard. Anna Moshier said a plastic storage bin has been placed below the coffee maker for the non-perishable snack items.

Community Relations:

Betsy Patterson and Joe Bailey expressed appreciation for the excellent advertising provided by the University of Delaware. The team plans to use the bulletin board for a display focused on familiarizing members with OLLI instructors and new members with photos by Larry Klepner. A goal is to get someone from the DELAWARE STATE NEWS, hopefully Andrew West, to take a class. Anna Moshier asked about the promotional table at the Dover Library on December 21. It was felt that this was a productive activity.

Travel:

Madelyn Wright reported that the team had finalized arrangements for the April 19 trip to the National Aquarium at the Inner Harbor in Baltimore. The group has a 1 p.m. reservation at the aquarium which will allow for a later departure time from Dover and allow members to tour some of the Inner Harbor. The cost will be \$60 for members and \$65 for non-members. The smaller, 27 passenger bus has been reserved but the bus can be changed if interest exceeds that capacity.

Special Events:

Rosemary Engle reported plans for the January 10 Open House. She reported that Anna Moshier will present an overview of OLLI, Ann Kemmerle will handle on-site registrations, Marietta Darden will handle coffee and refreshments, Liisa Trala will be the greeter and Marge Felty will act as tour guide. Anna Moshier said she would send an eblast to the membership with a schedule of the instructor topics and times.

Faculty Relations:

Phyllis Handler reported the Instructor/Member Orientation is scheduled for January 17 from 10:00 a.m. to 11:30 a.m. Anna Moshier will give an overview of OLLI for new members. Paula Wood will do a slide show and discuss technology. Phyllis said that she will address some of the housekeeping items from previous evaluations such as lights, sidebar discussions, class size, etc. Some instructor shortcomings are still being reflected in the member evaluations which Phyllis will address on a one-on-one basis with the instructor.

Scholarship:

Betsy Patterson reported there had been one application which she and Ronnie Grady had approved.

STAFF REPORTS:

In follow-up from the December meeting, Anna Moshier updated the Council on the Art Show. She spoke one-on-one with Linda Medunick. The Art Show is a statewide OLLI initiative that will cost Dover OLLI nothing. Linda will come up with a way to cover the cost of the reception.

As of today, the spring registration is low. Anna will send an eblast reminder about priority registration. She asked Council members to be ambassadors in promoting OLLI. There is some concern because one third of all the classes are Art classes; but it was pointed out that they have been effective at recruiting instructors for their courses.

Anna reported that she should have a timeline for the June catalog by the end of the week, but she feels a tentative deadline should be the end of February.

Anna announced that a Train the Trainer has been scheduled at Arsht Hall. The informational session is January 9 and course will be January 16 and 18. Department of Health and Social Services will offer A Matter of Balance,

Anna announced that Joe Vito has accepted a position with the Lewes OLLI and will assume his new position as soon as the position in Dover can be filled. Wayne Kling will continue as part-time technical support. The position has been advertised.

Anna has been spending a great deal of time in the community promoting OLLI programs, especially the Kent County and Sussex County Interagency groups. The next big community event will be the 55+ Expo on April 18.

NEXT MEETING: Monday, February 5, 2018, Noon

ADJOURNMENT: The meeting was adjourned at 11:20 a.m.

Respectfully submitted: Caroline M. Baxter