

OSHER LIFELONG LEARNING INSTITUTE
at the University of Delaware in Dover

Council Meeting Minutes

February 5, 2018

ATTENDANCE: Cheryl Moore, Betty Ipnar, Anna Moshier, Joe Bailey, Betsy Patterson, Ronnie Grady, Madelyn Wright, Diana Faison, Rosemary Engle, Joe Zito, Caroline Baxter.

CALL TO ORDER: The meeting was called to order at 12:00 p.m.

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

NEW BUSINESS:

Scheduled Events Requiring Council Approval:

Diana Faison reported that there are no requests requiring approval at this time.

TEAM REPORTS:

Course Development:

Ronnie Grady reported that the committee has been trying to finalize the summer course offering. The goal is to have 25 course offerings. As of today 20 courses have been submitted with several instructors who have expressed an interest but have not submitted a proposal form. The charge for the June session will be \$60, so it is important that a variety of courses be offered to the membership. Ronnie will register for the train-the-trainer program offered by Department of Health and Social Services. "A Matter of Balance". The training is a free, two-part program in February. A notice was sent out to the membership looking for anyone interested in being a trainer. OLLI will offer this course during the fall semester. The team would like to offer a conversational Spanish class but have no instructor leads yet. Bill Jones will be returning as an instructor for the fall semester. Since they are easy to provide, the team is hoping to offer more book offerings, they are not as demanding as a weekly lecture class. A new course, "Voices of Immigrants" consisting of stories of persons coming to this country to start a new life is proposed. Ronnie is looking for recent immigrants to participate. There will continue to be music and art class offerings for the fall semester. Joe Bailey suggested Carolyn Apple and Jack Fifer as possible speakers for the Thursday special speaker series.

Member Relations:

Betty Ipnar called 38 members to inquire why they did not register for the spring semester. She surveyed the courses people preferred and received favorable comments about instructors.

Community Relations:

Joe Bailey read a draft of a thank you note to the AAUW for participating in an interest survey and offered an invitation to visit an OLLI class. The team feels this could be a mutually beneficial relationship for OLLI and AAUW. It was suggested that the invitation be more specific and include that they should contact Diana if interested in attending a class. Betsy reported the team is researching other organizations for the next survey, i.e., League of Women Voters and Delaware State University sororities. Joe Bailey reported he is trying to make contact with the local NPR station at Delaware State University.

Travel:

Madelyn Wright reported that the registration for the trip is ready. The trip will be offered to Dover OLLI first before opening to Lewes and Wilmington.

Special Events:

Rosemary Engle reported the team met after the January Open House. There was discussion about combining the Open House and Orientation into one event. Rosemary was approached about a special event/social to introduce the instructors to each other. Betsy Patterson suggested an instructor breakfast including some ice breaker activities. The end-of-session luncheon will be a potluck with the members supplying the entertainment at the Champion Club 55+ Community near Magnolia on March 23. The team is working on the registration and posters. Sue Letavish is planning Hair – The Musical Experience for March 15. During March the presenter from Public Health has asked if she could have space to promote her program. Rosemary will work with Phyllis Handler on the August Open House.

Faculty Relations:

No report.

Scholarship:

Betsy Patterson reported that four scholarships have been given this semester. Ronnie Grady reported that she has been approached by another possible applicant.

Nominating Committee:

Betsy Patterson, committee chair, asked Betty Ipnar and Joe Bailey to serve and they have agreed. Betsy said she was approached by a member who complained that last year the nominating process was not well published. Anna Moshier asked Diana Faison to send an email to the membership about the nominating process from the Bylaws.

STAFF REPORTS:

Art Show Update:

Anna Moshier reported that a flyer had been emailed for the Art Show and the registration form is being prepared.

Spring Enrollment Update:

Anna Moshier reported that 628 seats are filled, 144 members have registered for the semester. The OLLI Dover financial situation has been addressed in an article in the next newsletter. Jim Broomall would like to meet with the Council next Monday, February 12, at Noon to discuss the budget. Anna suggested we come with ideas for increasing membership.

June 2016 Session:

The first draft of the catalog is due this week. The first proof copy is due February 19. Madelyn asked if the time slots on the summary in the back of the catalog could be made clearer.

NEXT MEETING: Monday, March 5, 2018, Noon

ADJOURNMENT: The meeting was adjourned at 1:00 p.m.

Respectfully submitted: Caroline M. Baxter