

**Osher Lifelong Learning Institute at the University of Delaware in Lewes  
Council Minutes  
Frederick Thomas Building  
May 13, 2019**

In attendance: Bill Sharkey (chair), Renee Moy, Anna Moshier, Peter Feeney, Kathy Henn, Paul Collins, Joan Sciorra, Gerri Stephenson, Lynn Kroesen, Bud Zimmerman, Sabatino Maglione, Connie Benko, Bob Comeau and Lisa Seifert. Quorum Present.

Bill Sharkey called the meeting to order at 10: 28 a.m.

Introductions: Lisa Seifert, our new Administrative Assistant, was introduced and welcomed and council members introduced themselves to her as well. Connie Benko, a newly elected Council Member for the 2019-2020 Council, was officially seated and welcomed.

Election of Officers for the 2019-2020 Council:

Motion: To Elect Bill Sharkey as President Chair of the 2019 – 2020 Council made by Pete Feeney.

Second: Paul Collins

Passed unanimously

Motion: To Elect Peter Feeney as Vice-President of the 2019-2020 Council made by Bud Zimmerman.

Second: Paul Collins

Passed unanimously

Motion: To Elect Kathy Henn as Secretary of the 2019-2020 Council made by Pete Feeney.

Second: Paul Collins

Passed unanimously

Agenda: The agenda for the Council Meeting for May 13, 2019 was approved with the deletion of the Spring Luncheon Refund from Old Business and the addition of an approval for documents framing expenditures under New Business.

Minutes: The Minutes from the April 17, 2019 Lewes OLLI Council Meeting were accepted noting the addition of Anna Moshier in attendance at the Development Meeting in Newark on April 12.

Motion to accept: Paul Collins

Second: Sabatino Maglione

Passed unanimously

**Staff Reports:**

Anna Moshier: Anna announced two new community-wide programs that OLLI members are invited to participate. One involves a storm surveillance project in 2020 and the other, under the

One Book One Community program, which will be reading *Birds by the Shore* by Jennifer Ackerman, with our participation anticipated to be next spring.

Renee Moy: Participation figures have been sent to Summer Session Instructors.

### **Committee Reports:**

Library: No Report

Scholarship: Sabatino Maglione

No applications have been received to date.

Financial\*: Bill Sharkey and Anna Moshier for Karen Schaub

Karen submitted the OLLI Financial Report for April and a written report indicating the tuition fees for summer registration were shown on a separate line; the cost of printing and mailing the Summer Catalog made up over half of the Supplies/Expenses numbers and the large portion of Kent/Sussex Outreach expenses this month is for the lease payment to Cape Henlopen School District.

Bill Sharkey noted that no fee adjustments were needed at this time.

Anna Moshier explained that the recording of Year to Date figures for Dover would be adjusted by July for a more accurate record.

Academic Affairs: Bud Zimmerman

The Instructors' Breakfast will be held on May 15 at the Sands Hotel. Entertainment will be provided by the Sons of the Beach. Connie Benko and Renee Moy were thanked for their help organizing the Breakfast. Renee said that Council Members were invited to attend and 77 members had currently signed up.

Anna Moshier reported that the fall term will have 100 classes on offer in Lewes, 56 in Dover, 10 in Ocean View and 7 in Bridgeville.

Pete Feeney reported that pottery classes were still being explored. A representative of the Moorings had extended an invitation for OLLI artists to exhibit there. Pete noted that more volunteers were needed to help on art shows. The artist currently making a mural on the outside of the Beacon Hotel has indicated he would be willing to teach a class for us.

Communications: Lynn Kroesen

The next *Tides* deadline will be at the close of the Lewes Summer session on Friday, July 5. A Council photo will be taken at the June Council Meeting.

Travel: Joan Sciorra

The New York City trip was a success. A trip to the Chanticleer Gardens in Wayne, PA on June 21 has 13 people registered to date. Lynn Kroesen reported that the trip to Wallops Island Space Facility on May 2 was fantastic with an excellent docent and a security dog called OLLI (but spelled differently).

Social: Connie Benko

Happy Hours are scheduled for 3 to 6 p.m. on September 11, October 9, and November 13 at Irish Eyes in Lewes. Members who helped with the 30<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Luncheon were thanked. The Home Coming Picnic is scheduled for Tuesday, October 15. The Committee is considering a new venue for the 2019-2020 Luncheon and the possibility of having only one Luncheon next year in the spring. A Walk-In Registration was held last Tuesday for the Summer Session with 5 attending. In the future Walk-In Registrations will be limited to the spring and fall terms. An Instructors' Orientation and New Members' program will be held in Lewes on July 23 and 24 from 10 a.m. to 1 p.m. An Instructors' Orientation and New Members' Orientation will be held in Ocean View on August 28 and in Lewes August 29 from 10 a.m. to 1 p.m. The trip to Clear Space to see *Mama Mia* will be held on July 18 with a cost of \$20 for members and \$22 for non-members. A 3 hour cruise on the Rehoboth Canal is set for August 1 at 5:30 p.m. with a rain date of August 8.

Development: Paul Collins

Efforts continue to engage University of Delaware Trustees attention towards supporting our housing needs. John Cochran has been invited to the University of Delaware OLLI by the Sea reception scheduled for 7 p.m. on May 21. Plans to start a campaign for more State funding are underway.

Community Relations: Gerri Stephenson

Ushering was so successful for the recent Delaware Symphony that OLLI volunteers have been requested to return for October and next March. Volunteers were obtained for the Rehoboth Art League's Cottage Tours in July. Expo 55 is scheduled for November 2.

### **Old Business:**

Revisions are still underway for the new Instructors' Handbook which will be a combined Kent/Sussex document in the booklet style and is expected to be available soon. Adjustments were suggested for the open seat policy and for not allowing members to sign up for multiple courses held during the same time period.

### **New Business:**

4<sup>th</sup> Annual Delaware Resorts 55+ Expo: Gerri Stephenson requested funding for the Expo 55+ to be held Saturday November 5 indicating that the event brought a lot of interest in our OLLI program.

Motion: To approve \$650 for Expo 55+ space made by Gerri Stephenson

Second: Sabatino Maglione

Passed unanimously

**Strategic Plan Draft Presentation:** Anna Moshier presented slides with various revisions and edits to the Strategic Plan featuring language changes to the Mission Statement, projections on the increases in classes offered for each of the next three years and for expanding site locations. She noted there was a hope of finding a new location soon. Members of the Committee include Pete Feeney, Anna Moshier, Bill Sharkey, Karen Schaub, Bud Zimmerman, and Paul Collins. The revised report will be distributed. Paul Collins suggested a Quarterly Review for the Strategic Plan might be implemented.

Spring Luncheon Refund: Tabled to next month, pending more information.

UD by the Sea: Trustees of UD, John Cochran and I. G. Burton and politicians, including Ernie Lopez, have been invited to the UD by the Sea reception scheduled for May 21.

University of Delaware Fund Raising Day: The UD “giving” day is scheduled for May 15. An email will be mailed to the members. In honor of our 30<sup>th</sup> Anniversary a gift of \$30 is suggested.

Approval of Framing Expenses: The proclamations, presented at our 30<sup>th</sup> anniversary luncheon by the State made by Ernie Lopez and the city of Lewes made by Ted Becker, were beautifully framed and displayed at the Council Meeting. The framing cost was \$135 in total.

Motion: To approve the expenditure of \$135 to pay for the framing costs for the two proclamations made by Paul Collins.

Second: Sabatino Maglione  
Passed unanimously

Next Meeting:

**The next meeting will be held at Lewes on Wednesday, June 19 at 12:20 p.m.**

Motion to adjourn: Paul Collins

Second: Sabatino Maglione  
Passed unanimously

Adjournment: 11:29 a.m.

Kathy Henn  
Secretary

\*Reports on File