OSHER LIFELONG LEARNING INSTITUTE
At the University of Delaware in Dover

Council Meeting Minutes

May 6, 2019

ATTENDANCE: Rosemary Engle, Joe Bailey, Anna Moshier (via phone), Diana Faison, Paula Wood, Ronnie Grady, Suzie McLaughlin, Bobbi Neaton, Madelyn Wright, Bob Heifetz, Pat Weaver, Caroline Baxter

CALL TO ORDER: The meeting was called to order at 10:30 a.m. by Chair Rosemary Engle.

ELECTION OF OFFICERS:
In accordance with the OLLI Bylaws the annual election of the Chair, Vice-chair and Secretary was conducted. Rosemary Engle will return as Chair, Pat Weaver as Vice-Chair and Caroline Baxter as Secretary.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES: The minutes of the April meeting were approved as submitted.

STAFF REPORTS:
Anna Moshier acknowledged Rosemary Engle for the new meeting format. Rosemary asked as part of this change that all chairs submit their committee reports ahead of the Council meeting. Anna praised the Special Events Committee for their work on the Spring end-of-session luncheon. Today Anna is receiving a LEAD Certificate.

COMMITTEE REPORTS:
Travel:
Madelyn Wright report that she only received one response to the piece placed in the newsletter asking for suggestions for trips. The next trip is planned for the Library of Congress on October 25.

Academic Affairs:
Ronnie Grady reported that 57 courses have been submitted for the fall semester. The Thursday lecture series is complete for the fall semester. The Tuesday lecture series will be open to the membership with a sign-up sheet on the bulletin board. Bob Heifetz and Suzie McLaughlin will be handling the Wednesday program for the lunch hour. Phyllis Handler will not hold an instructor orientation for the summer session, but she will be contacting all new instructors individually. Anna asked Academic Affairs to work with Lewes on the Professional Development Evaluation Form presented at last month’s Council meeting.
Member Relations:
Joe Bailey congratulated Anna Moshier for securing newspaper advertising for OLLI. Anna reported that the press release has been sent out and is appearing in some publications this week. Eight volunteers have come forward for the coffee/hospitality service. The coffee service will be cutting off at 1:00 p.m. beginning with the fall session and there will be no coffee service for the summer session. He asked for suggestions for reinforcing spill prevention to the members. Because of the time change for the Walk-in Registration on May 8, someone will be at the church at 10:00 a.m., the original time, to take registrations. A follow-up letter was sent to the 31 persons who completed interest cards at the 55+ Expo. Dover OLLI is registered and coverage arranged for the Community Health Fair at the Modern Maturity Center on June 20. Community Relations will not have a May meeting.

Special Events:
Bobbi Neaton reported the committee was very pleased at the attendance and success of the Spring end-of-session luncheon. Diana reported that 89 people registered and 27 members of the Elder Moments Chorus attended for a total of 116 guests. We received compliments on the food, décor, entertainment, sneak peak, book exchange and camaraderie of the group. The date for the Fall end-of-session luncheon was set for Tuesday, November 19. The committee agreed to continue with the potluck luncheon format. We are looking ahead to the Spring 2020 luncheon which will be Dover OLLI’s 10th anniversary celebration. There will be a meeting in July to prepare for the Fall Open House. Bobbi reported that 16 Dover OLLI members attended the Delaware to the World event at Maple Dale Country Club and said it was a “first-class event”.

Scholarship:
Ronnie Grady reported that no scholarships are offered for the summer session.

Finance:
Anna Moshier reviewed the financial report as of March 31, 2019. She reported that beginning in May 100% of Diana Faison’s salary will be taken from the Dover OLLI budget. The art auction held at the end-of-session luncheon brought in $337 which will be placed in the Activity Fund.

OLD BUSINESS:
Timeline Review:
The following dates were added to the Tentative Timeline for the Fall Semester 2019:
  June 20 – Modern Maturity Center Community Health Fair
  August 23 – Senior Spree at Nobles Pond
  November 19 – Fall end-of-semester celebration

The following dates were noted:
  August 6 – Dover Open House, Walk-in Registration and UD Photo ID session
  Week of Sept. 9 – Bring a Friend Week for Dover OLLI
  October 15 – Back to School Picnic – no classes
  November 11 – Veterans Day – no classes
Annual Report:
A copy of the latest newsletter from the Lewes OLLI was passed around so Council members could see how their annual report was handled. Council and Committee chairs are asked to submit their reports to Caroline Baxter for the newsletter by the last week in July. Rosemary would like to include a group photo with the report. The period to be covered is July 1, 2018, to June 30, 2019.

OLLI Council Proposal Form:
Diana Faison explained that the form has been redesigned to make it more generic and to include estimated costs.

NEW BUSINESS:
10th Anniversary Celebration:
Rosemary Engle said the Special Events Committee will be handling planning for the celebration. She requested anyone with ideas or suggestions contact Marge Felty.

NEXT MEETING: June 3, 2019, 10:30 a.m.

ADJOURMENT: The meeting was adjourned at 11:30 a.m.

Respectfully submitted: Caroline M. Baxter