

Osher Lifelong Learning Institute at the University of Delaware
Council Minutes
Frederick Thomas Building, Lewes
October 22, 2019

In attendance: Bill Sharkey (chair), Anna Moshier, Renee Moy, Sally Cole, Peter Feeney, Joan Sciorra, Gerri Stephenson, Lynn Kroesen, Bud Zimmerman, Connie Benko, Bob Comeau, Paul Collins, Karen Schaub, Sabatino Maglione, and Ruth Barnett. Quorum Present.

Bill Sharkey called the meeting to order at 12:20 p.m.

Agenda: The agenda for the Council Meeting for October 22, 2019 was accepted without changes.

Minutes: The Minutes from the September 18, 2019 Lewes OLLI Council Meeting were approved.

Motion to approve: Sabatino Maglione
Second: Paul Collins
Passed unanimously

Staff Reports: Renee Moy

Work has begun on the spring catalog. Proceeding on schedule.

Anna Moshier

There will be a state-wide staff and council meeting in Dover on January 17, 2020. Anna introduced Sally Cole, new program coordinator. She will begin Monday, October 28. OLLI in Wilmington has removed the 50+ requirement for membership. We will remove the requirement only from state-wide publications.

Committee Reports:

Academic Affairs: Bud Zimmerman

Fall semester enrollment for the Sussex County locations of Lewes, Ocean View and Bridgeville is 672 members, 103 classes and 105 instructors at the 4 locations. We have 3 new instructors for Ocean View for the spring semester. So far we have proposals for 47 classes in Dover, 18 in Ocean View, 89 in Lewes and 8 in Bridgeville for the spring semester.

Communications: Lynn Kroesen

The next *Tides* deadline is Friday, November 29.

Travel: Joan Sciorra

The New York City trip is scheduled for April 21 – April 24, 2020. All 100 people who signed-up have paid either the deposit or the full amount of the trip. Joan said that they are considering sponsoring a trip to Opera Delaware for shows scheduled for April 26 and/or May 2, 2020.

Social: Connie Benko

Twelve people attended The Happy Hour on October 9 at Irish Eyes in Lewes. 145 people attended the annual Homecoming Picnic on October 15. The leftover food was donated to Casa San Francisco in Milton. On November 13 a "Meet and Greet" affair will be held at Irish Eyes from 3:30 to 6 p.m. It will feature heavy hors d'oeuvres and a cash bar. The refund from the Atlantic Sands will be used to reduce the costs for this event. Elder Moments and Slow Jam will perform and the arts and crafts will be displayed on the porch. The Committee is working on finding a venue for a spring end-of-the-semester event. It was suggested that a breakfast/brunch could include instructor recognition and end-of-the-semester celebrations.

Development: Paul Collins

UD Real Estate department is working on a 3-year lease for the Trinity Church property. We will need to do some fund raising to improve the parking there and to buy some new furniture and AV equipment. The church is ok with us making additional parking areas. As far as Cape Henlopen goes, we now have an extension until June of 2021 and some conversation about longer extensions.

Community Relations: Gerri Stephenson

Coast Day on October 6 went well. She had 4 volunteers for the Delaware Symphony on October 21. After many calls, she now has enough volunteers for Expo 55 on November 2 and for the Lewes Historical Society House Tour on December 7. The Delaware Symphony will be performing at Cape Henlopen on May 12 and Gerri will need volunteer ushers.

Library: Ruth Barnett

Oversized books and dated material are being reviewed and removed to provide more shelf space. She is cataloging new materials.

Long Range Planning: Pete Feeney

The art show at the Lewes Library in November will include a section for Art instructors to show their work.

Scholarship: Sabatino Maglione

No report

Financial*: Karen Schaub

Karen submitted the OLLI Financial Report for September. She noted that revenues are up because our membership is growing. She noted that the revenue from the craft sales she reported is less than what was reported in The Tides because of the time delay in posting.

Old Business: None

New Business:

Paul encouraged all Council members to sign up for the scheduled visit from UD's Provost, Robin Morgan. She will be coming on November 25 and is scheduled for 9:30 a.m. We want to make sure she understands our frustration about finding space for our program, but also our commitment to OLLI Sussex County and to UD. We want to grow our program, but we need space and our time frame is more immediate than the normal University time line.

The next meeting will be held at Lewes on Wednesday, November 20, at 10:00 a.m.

Motion to adjourn: Sabatino Maglione
Second: Pete Feeney
Passed unanimously

Adjournment: 1:00 p.m.

Lynn Kroesen
Substitute Secretary

*Reports on File