

Osher Lifelong Learning Institute at the University of Delaware in Sussex County
Council Minutes
Trinity Faith Church, New Road, Lewes, DE
February 17, 2020

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

Bill Sharkey called the meeting to order at 10:00 a. m.

Agenda: The agenda for the Council Meeting for February 17, 2020 was accepted without changes.

Minutes: The Minutes from the January 21, 2020 Sussex County OLLI Council Meeting were approved with title clarification under the Community Relations report to change "Lewes Historical House Walk" to "A Christmas House Tour of Lewes".

Motion to approve with clarification: Pete Feeney
Second: Paul Collins
Passed unanimously

Staff Reports: Anna Moshier

Anna Moshier: Anna sought approval for the cost of an ad for the Coastal Concerts 2020 - 2021 Season program.

Motion: to approve the purchase of a quarter page ad at a cost of \$175 made by Gerri Stephenson
Second: Pete Feeney
Passed unanimously

Anna made a presentation to the NARFE at the 1776 Restaurant last week. Identifiers for rooms in the Trinity building were requested. The University of Delaware has a new College of Graduate Education. OLLI fits in this graduate level of education and will now have a dean with a seat on the faculty senate to represent us.

Sally Cole: With the exception of some IT positions the staff positions have been filled. The rough draft of the summer catalog is expected today and the proof read draft will be returned on next Thursday. Dover is offering 23 classes and Lewes will offer 35 classes for the summer session. The due date for course proposals for the fall term will be changed to later in the calendar.

Committee Reports:

Long Range Planning: Pete Feeney, No Report

Scholarship: Sabatino Maglione

An additional scholarship has been approved this month bringing the total to date to 12.

Academic Affairs: No Report

Communications: Lynn Kroesen

The next *Tides* will be the April issue. This issue will have the required committee reports and annual reports. The dead line for these reports is Thursday, April 9. The overall deadline will be determined when the Mix and Mingle date is confirmed.

Travel: Joan Sciorra

The New York City trip is set to go. There have been some cancellations and replacements from the waiting list. Opera Delaware has 23 people signed up for the April 26 program and 17 people for the May 2. Additional sign ups are expected after the Opera class begins. The Dover program has a trip to the American Revolutionary War Museum in Philadelphia planned and a sign-up sheet for Lewes registrations is available on the Bulletin Board.

Social: Connie Benko

26 members turned out for the Happy Hour held at Irish Eyes on February 5. A new venue has been chosen for the March 4 Happy Hour which will be at the Green Turtle in Five Points from 3 to 6 p.m. The receptions held for new members and new instructors at Ocean View and at Lewes went well. The Instructors' Breakfast is in planning for May 12 at the Atlantic Sands Hotel in Rehoboth Beach. The next Mix and Mingle will be held at St. Jude's Catholic Church Social Hall in April at a date currently pending approval. The cost will be \$5 per person. Members are requested to bring heavy hors d'oeuvres or desserts and beer and wine will be available. Ample parking and room for displays are provided at this location.

Development Committee: Paul Collins

Five Minute Presentations for the classes are starting tomorrow for the Expanding Horizons Campaign. Pledge forms are available. Information on Frequently Asked Questions will be provided. Some modifications in parking and handicap accessibility will need to be provided for our new location and chairs, tables, clocks, computers and other reusable items will need to be purchased. The target cost is \$300,000 over the next three years. Members will be asked to make 3 year pledges and it is hoped that every member will support the funding effort by being a contributor. Getting 100% participation is a priority goal. Such full participation helps in the pursuit of grant monies. Donor Buttons are now available. Additionally local developers, as well Trinity Faith Church members, and others, will be approached to donate their skills to the cause of needed renovations.

Community Relations: Gerri Stephenson

The Delaware Symphony Orchestra will be having a concert at Cape Henlopen High School on May 17 at 3 p.m. OLLI volunteers will be sought to help with that program. The Symphony is offering to give talks at Osher and at Libraries. The Lewes Loves Books program will have a May 21 meeting from 11:30 to 4:30 at Cape Henlopen High School and 6 OLLI volunteers will be recruited to help with seating, book signing and to host an OLLI promotion table.

Library: No Report.

Financial*: Karen Schaub

Karen submitted the OLLI Financial Report for January 31, 2020 for Kent and Sussex Counties and noted that January was an active month for finances given deposits from the term registration and the New York City Trip along with donations to the Expanding Horizons Campaign, (formerly the Future Fund). The membership charts were updated to reflect the Spring Semester enrollments. It was noted that there were more scholarships for this term. Membership levels are good and more classes are offered this semester.

Old Business: None

New Business:

Recruiting Art Instructors: Pete Feeney offered suggestions and requested solutions for recruiting art teachers. Bob Comeau pointed out that some of the suggestions would require changes to our By-laws.

An in-house art show perhaps with some voting is being explored for the Fall Term.

Next Meeting:

The next meeting will be held at Lewes on Wednesday, March 18 at 12:20 p.m.

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

Adjournment: 10:59 a. m.

Kathy Henn
Secretary

*Reports on File