

Osher Lifelong Learning Institute at the University of Delaware in Sussex County
Council Minutes
REMOTE MEETING VIA ZOOM & PHONE
March 18, 2020

Roll Call: In attendance: Bill Sharkey (chair), George Irvine, Anna Moshier, Sally Cole, Peter Feeney, Kathy Henn, Gerri Stephenson, Lynn Kroesen, Connie Benko, Paul Collins, Karen Schaub, Lisa Seifert, Joe Zito, and Bud Zimmerman. Quorum Present.

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

Agenda: The agenda for the Council Meeting for March 18, 2020 was accepted with two New Business additions: Refunds and Summer Catalogue.

Minutes: The Minutes from the February 17, 2020 Sussex County OLLI Council Meeting were approved.

Motion to approve: Gerri Stephenson
Second: Connie Benko
Passed unanimously

Staff Reports: Anna Moshier

Anna Moshier and Sally Cole: Expressed mindfulness of our members currently undergoing social distancing isolation due to the current COVID-19 virus pandemic and urged members to reach out to their OLLI friends. They noted the current situation has resulted in several concerns addressed under New Business.

Committee Reports:

Library: No Report

Long Range Planning: Pete Feeney. No Report

Scholarship: No Report

Academic Affairs: Bud Zimmerman

Work was still in progress for the Instructors Breakfast scheduled for May 12 at the Sands in Rehoboth Beach. Bud was working on Entertainment and Connie Benko indicated a Buffet Breakfast is planned.

Communications: Lynn Kroesen

The next *Tides* will be the April issue. This issue will have the required committee reports and annual reports and the deadline for submission of these is April 9 and 10. The overall deadline is April 17.

Travel:

Many members have expressed concern about the New York City trip in light of the pandemic. There have been some cancellations. Cancellation of the trip to New York was discussed.

Motion: To cancel NYC trip and refund members payments: Connie Benko

Second: Pete Feeney

Passed unanimously

All current trips are now cancelled which includes the trips to Opera Delaware. The Delaware Opera will make direct arrangement with members who purchased tickets from them.

Motion: To approve full refunds for the busses for both Opera trips: Gerri Stephenson

Second: Karen Schaub

Passed unanimously

Community Relations: Gerri Stephenson

The March 21 Lewes Loves Books has been cancelled. Tentative planning is underway for the Rehoboth Beach Cottage Tour scheduled for July 7 & 8. We are requested to provide docents for 2 shifts each day with each shift lasting 2 ½ hours. Our house will be at 75 Anchor Rd. No news has been received from The Delaware Symphony Orchestra.

Social: Connie Benko

The March 4 Happy Hour held at the Green Turtle in Five Points was very successful with over 30 people attending. The Mix and Mingle has been cancelled and will be rescheduled. Walk-in Registration is planned for May. Summer activities under consideration include attending Clear Space's *Sister Act* on July 22. Members ticket price is \$20 and non members \$22. Using the Park and Ride system was suggested. Also under consideration for summer is a trip via the Ferry to Cape May.

Development Committee: Paul Collins

The University of Delaware has shut down all fund raising activities during the pandemic. The committee had prepared an email and mail campaign which is currently on hold. We are seeking estimates on handicap access work for our new building and also exploring possible financial support from the Sussex County Council. With the cancellation of classes the second round of the Five Minute Presentations prepared for the classes could not be given.

Financial*: Karen Schaub

Karen submitted the OLLI Financial Report for the month of February 2020 for Kent and Sussex Counties and noted that now the spring tuitions have finished and discounts and

scholarships have been applied. Text books were purchased from the Gift Fund. A two month lease was paid for use of the Trinity church building on New Road. And deposits were made for the New York City and the Opera Delaware trips. Donations were received for the Expanding Horizons Campaign and deposited in the Expanding Horizons Fund (formerly the Future Fund).

Old Business: None

New Business:

Cancellation of Activities has been done.

Resumption of Classes: April 6 was the regularly scheduled end to the semester and with the cancellation of classes resumption of classes was considered. Joe Zito reported that some instructors are conducting their classes on line and some might be willing to do Zoom or Skype, but most are not. George Irvine noted that Zoom can be resourced to OLLI. About 90% of instructors would be willing to hold classes in early April if we could reopen at that time but after April 15 would be difficult for both the instructors and the members.

Refunds: The University of Delaware is requesting that we craft a refund policy that would include the financial impact (both savings and expenses) and a report of the shut down. Since tuition costs to members are not based on single courses and classes vary in length refunds would be insignificant and costly to process. Only members who only paid the tuition for Spring Term and only registered for classes held in the last session of that term would have only had opportunity for minimal participation.

Motion: Cancellation of courses refund policy will be as follows:
no refunds for Full Year tuitions
no discount or scholarship refunds
and a prorated refund for members only enrolled for the second five week of the spring session on a Spring Term tuition: Paul Collins.

Second: Karen Schaub

Passed unanimously

Summer Catalog: Publication of the Summer Catalog was discussed.

Motion: The Summer Catalog will be offered on line and a pamphlet (4 page folder) version will be mailed to members, while some catalogs will be available at the office: Karen Schaub

Second: Paul Collins

Passed unanimously

Renew Chamber Membership: A request was made to renew our membership in the Bethany-Fenwick Chamber of Commerce

Motion to approve \$200 for the membership fee made by Paul Collins
Second: Connie Benko
Passed unanimously

Next Meeting:

The next meeting will be held at Lewes on Wednesday, April 15 at 10 a. m.

Motion to adjourn: Paul Collins
Second: Gerri Stephenson
Passed unanimously

Adjournment: 1:27 p. m.

Kathy Henn
Secretary

*Reports on File