

Advisory Council Minutes

Monday, August 9th, 2021

Zoom Online Meeting

Present: Barb Schliesser, Joe Seewald, David Dyke, Peter Levitov, Charlyne Berens, Suzie Harder, De Tonack, John La Duke, Dori Bush, Nancy Comer, Nancy Mitchell, Kay Rockwell, Jim VanKirk, Helen Meeks, Carol Myers, Maxine Moul, Bob Michl, Gary Buser, Polly Feis, Bob Bleicher

The Minutes of the May meeting were approved as corrected.

The meeting was called to order by John LaDuke. John welcomed Bob Bleicher and Polly Feis as our new at-large council members. The first order of business was the treasurer's report.

Treasurers' report: Jim Van Kirk reported that June 30 is the end of the fiscal year for OLLI and the final EOY report won't be ready until the end of August. The revenue side was about where we thought it would be, and we had \$22,000 in donations. Bob Michl reported that the purchase of Campus CE software was done late in the 20-21 year so the funding for this will come out of the 21-22 budget. That means the cash carry over for the fiscal year is expected to be just under \$120,000. Jim Van Kirk reminded us that the two pieces of information most important are the budget and foundation for council members to see.

Director Report: Bob Michl reported that the Showcase planning is going well and in person attendance is expected to be around 400. Another 120 have registered for the Zoom Showcase. Several council members suggested additional COVID protections for the Showcase.

There will be Campus CE training for staff which started in July and goes through October. Since there was a delay in the implementation of this new process, OLLI purchased three months of Aceware support (\$1,300) for July, August and September.

Helen Meeks requested that we use software in place of Campus CE to lessen any confusion around this process.

Parking was finalized in the East Campus Union lot, and there are now 25 parking slots for OLLI members to use. The row will be reserved and signage will restrict it for OLLI members from 8am-5pm during each six week term. Tags are for the A lots. Decals will be given to every new and returning member for the car rear windows to help deter parking violations being written.

The woodworking interest group has donated a lectern for use in HSB room 137. Patricia Saldana will write a story on this lectern made with repurposed oak.

Bob said he's reached out to three senior living centers to discuss piloting zoom offerings to them. He also is planning to meet with lifestyle coordinators from Grand Lodge at the Preserve, the Knolls and the Legacy. John LaDuke thanked him for his efforts.

Old Business

John LaDuke reported that the council will need to delve into the information that came out of the retreat. He also asked that any council member having a question (no more than two) for the dean's visit in September should submit it to John, and then he will forward it to Bob Michl.

John also encouraged council members to submit council agenda items.

John visited with committee chairs about whether they had co-chairs, and if so, were they coming to the council meetings. Peter Levitov said that having co-chairs attending council settings would make the council unwieldy. Most committees do not have co-chairs currently, but the curriculum committee will need to have Charlyne Berens and David Dyke as co-chairs because of the work involved. Nancy Comer said the diversity committee does have a co-chair, but she's the only one who comes to council

meetings. The recommendation was that only the chair of the individual committee attend unless not able to participate. The curriculum committee will be the first to present a report at the September meeting.

New Business

Bob Michl will continue to monitor the COVID situation, and he will make sure that OLLI abides by UNL policies.

There will be an all member survey in May of 2022 coming from the membership committee. Bob Bleicher asked if the old survey results could be sent out to council members.

Dori Bush reminded members that there will be an OLLI night at the Saltdogs on Friday, August 27th. There was a discussion about membership fees charged to those who were not in the Lincoln area. The members from out of town do not have advantages of attending in person classes or attending interest groups. The council may choose to revisit this issue in the future.

The next meeting will be held on Monday, September 13 at 9:00