

## **Advisory Council Minutes**

Monday, May 9, 2022

online Zoom meeting

**Present:** Barbara Schliesser, Polly Feis, Nancy Comer, Charlyne Berens, Suzie Harder, De Tonack, Kay Rockwell, Helen Meeks, Carol Myers, Bob Bleicher, Bob Michl, Nancy Mitchell, Joe Seewald, Dori Bush, Mary Ann Losh, Jim Van Kirk, Paul Van De Water, Greg Jensen, Maxine Moul, and David Dyke.

Suzie Harder, vice chair, presided in the absence of John LaDuke, chair.

The minutes were approved with no changes.

**Treasurer's Report:** Jim Van Kirk said this is the last budget report until after the end of the fiscal year. The carry forward is \$158,000. Jim said we have enough carry-over to cover about four months of expenses, which is nearing the goal of six months carryover set by Sherry Jones, the College of Education and Human Sciences dean. The monthly outflow included administrative costs of 5 percent to UNL and some classroom rental. We are well ahead of where we anticipated we'd be now. The proposed budget for FY 22-23 was discussed in the April council meeting. They have done a little tweaking, but this is a zero net revenue budget. We don't know at this point about expansion into Omaha or other opportunities.

The FY 22-23 budget was approved by the council.

**Director's Report:** Bob Michl added and emphasized a few things from his written report. He said the OLLI office will be able to announce a new travel vendor within a week. He also pointed out that efforts to establish a program in Omaha with a developer at the Crossroads site are temporarily slowed down while NU lawyers review potential plans.

Election of council members starts today online. Various people made comments about what a good slate of candidates we have and how committees may want to recruit those not elected to the council.

**New Business:** Officers for 2022-23 were elected by unanimous consent. They are Helen Meeks, chair; De Tonack, vice chair; Jim Van Kirk, treasurer; Barbara Schliesser, secretary.

De Tonack reported on the OSHER national conference she and Bob attended last week in Denver. A complete report was included with the materials sent to all members ahead of time. She suggested we print out the report so we could refer to the ideas gleaned from the conference when we have our council retreat on June 6. She recommended we look especially at the tips for strategic planning and data.

One idea that was reinforced at the conference was to collaborate with other OLLIs. Bob has already contacted the OLLIs at South Dakota University, Iowa State and Drake about potential collaboration.

**Old Business:** There was much discussion about the upcoming retreat on June 6. A suggestion was made about moving the start time to 8:45 a.m. Another was to look at roles and responsibilities ahead of time and come to the retreat with proposed changes. Mary Ann Losh reported that the Resource Committee is not ready for a discussion at the retreat. There was a recommendation to talk about expanding membership. De Tonack asked if we could eliminate the Resource Committee report, move the breakouts to 10:30 a.m. and build in reporting time before lunch.

Carol Myers reported for the Travel Committee, using a PowerPoint show. She said that OLLI had to cancel multiple planned trips because of COVID surges in the past year and others because our liaison at AAA had resigned. We are currently in the process of signing with a new travel agency. However, three trips did go off as scheduled in 2021: the Circle Michigan in August, Alaska in September, and Morocco in October. She said the promotional travel courses are working well.

Despite our agent's resignation from AAA, that agency will continue to sponsor the Blue Ridge tour in October of 2022 and the Italy tour in April 2023. The Travel Committee plans to put together a running 18-to-24-month roster so that people can look ahead to see what's planned. The committee hopes to have final itineraries and prices nine months before a scheduled trip.

The committee is reviewing trips that had to be canceled and will work with the new vendor to see about rescheduling those. The committee is also considering a comprehensive travel survey. (The most recent one was done in November 2019). The committee would also like to collaborate more with the Arts and Events committees on things like day trips to wineries and arts events.

The meeting was adjourned.