

## **Advisory Council Minutes**

Monday, January 10 ,2022

online Zoom meeting

**Present:** John La Duke, Barbara Schliesser, David Dyke, Polly Feis, Peter Levitov, Charlyne Berens, Suzie Harder, De Tonack, Nancy Comer, Jim Van Kirk, Helen Meeks, Carol Myers, Maxine Moul, Bob Bleicher, Bob Michl, Nancy Mitchell, Mary Ann Losh, Dori Bush, Kay Rockwell

The Chair, John La Duke called the meeting to order. The minutes of the December meeting were approved.

### **Treasurer's Report**

Jim Van Kirk reported that current income and expenses are similar to December's report, other than there were a few new members and the basic expenses for personnel. The cost of the Campus CE software was adjusted back into the '21-'22 fiscal year by the University. There were some contributeions from the development funds and the Pillar Society in the area of \$5,200. There is no need to revise the 2021-22 budget at this time. The 2022-23 budgeting forecase will start in the near future for approval in May.

### **Director's Report**

Bob Michl reported that the online version of the Nebraska Quarterly magazine was released in December and contained a wonderful article that should generate interest in OLLI. He and Patricia Saldana met with Jeff Sheldon from the Nebraska Alumni Association to work on cross-promoting our organizations.

Bob reported that the 2022 Osher Institute will be held in Broomfield , Colorado (Denver) on April 25-27, 2022. De Tonack and Bob Michl will attend. Bob will be part of a panel and talk about the Showcase as an effective marketing technique. De Tonack said there would be a lot of exchange of ideas, and she would talk about the Ambassador process.

Bob also announced that the OLLI/AAA travel contracts expire in June, 2022, and Dori Smidt, Associate Dean of Business for CEHS recommended that OLLI update and post a new RFP (Request For Proposals). There were four proposal submissions last time OLLI did this back in 2018-19.

### **Old Business**

John La Duke asked that we also look at recruiting the alumni at other NU campuses and private colleges. He also asked that we look at how OLLI could be included in Give to Lincoln Day. Jim Van Kirk said that he had tried last year, and they were not able to use this process and wouldn't be able to over time. OLLI is under the University umbrella and is not a non profit organization.

The ad hoc committee to plan for the Showcase has eight members, a mix of council and non council members. There were a number of ideas that were generated such as showing five minute clips of upcoming classes. The committee also suggested that those who bring a friend who is not a member of OLLI would receive a free class in the Fall. The committee recommended holding the event at the East Campus Student Union where we would not have to pay a facility cost. The next thing to do is secure a date.

Bob Michl said we also need to recognize the volunteers this year.

## **New Business**

Joe Seewald sent in the update to the history of OLLI, and Charlyne Berens said it was exactly what the council had in mind. John La Duke said that we need a succession plan to give guidance about what to do when committee chairs step down. It needs to be made clear that there could be someone on the committee who could step up if necessary. Any changes made to the succession plan would need to be put in Policies and Procedures.

Dori Bush made a presentation to the council on behalf of the Events Committee. Her co-chair is Sue Guild. The objective of the committee is to plan one-time events, frequently with food involved. The primary focus is to socialize with other OLLI members. There are a number of things that have taken place and many are being planned in the future. One of them was to work with Judy Hart on presenting excerpts from the Spoon River Anthology. Several future possibilities were mentioned such as the Flatwater Shakespeare theater and a visit with the cast. They are looking at a wine, cheese and chocolate tour in the future and Sue Guild is working on a prairie walk. They are also exploring a visit to Lauritzen Gardens and the SAC museum. Dori also talked about the coffee and conversations group that has met on Zoom for nearly two years.

The COVID risk dial was raised so that all who meet in person will need to be masked, including speakers. David talked about the kind of mask that would be best according to the CDC and referenced N95.

John La Duke introduced a chart that was about how many people were taking classes and how many classes were offered. There is now a system in place to record some classes. Charlyne Berens reminded us that everyone who teaches classes are volunteers. Bob Michl reminded us that it's quality we're focusing on and that is why people are taking more classes.

John La Duke reminded us that its council election time and to think about new people that might be interested in running for positions. John also said that he would be stepping down as chair after this year. He also asked the council members if they wanted a retreat in June and if so what topics would be covered and bring ideas to the next meeting.

The meeting was adjourned.

The next meeting will be held on Monday, February 14, 2022 at 9:00 via Zoom.