

OLLI Advisory Council Minutes

Monday, March 11, 2024, Zoom meeting

Present: Helen Meeks, De Tonack, Jim McLoughlin, David Dyke, Charlyne Berens, Greg Jensen, Nancy Mitchell, Mary Ann Losh, Bob Bleicher, Teri Hlava, Barbara Schliesser, Carol Myers, Paul Van De Water, John La Duke, Polly Feis, Bob Michl, Jeanette Wellsandt

Absent: Roger Lempke, Jim VanKirk, Zakkiyah Mustafa

The meeting was called to order by the chair, Helen Meeks, at 9 a.m.

After a motion by Charlyne Berens and a second by Nancy Mitchell, the minutes of the Feb. 12, 2024, meeting were unanimously approved.

Treasurer's Report: Paul Van De Water provided the treasurer's report. At the end of January 2024, OLLI had collected 78% of its anticipated yearly revenue and had expended 64% of its expected expenditures. Revenue to date does not include income from Term 3, 4 and 5 registrations.

John La Duke questioned the amount being spent on paper copies of the catalog. Bob Michl said that costs are considerably down from previous years because only the first catalog of the year is printed in color. The others are edited down in size and printed in black and white as many members like having the paper copy.

Mary Ann Losh thanked the marketing committee for the work they had done with advertising and sponsorship planning.

The council discussed the possible addition of staff and how that might affect the budget.

Chair's Comments: Helen Meeks reported the CEHS Dean's office will be emailing a document to all council members asking input for Bob Michl's yearly evaluation. Members should respond to this request in a timely manner. Greg Jensen and Mary Ann Losh were recognized for their significant contributions to the Glow Big Red fund raiser.

Director's Report: Bob Michl reported he has begun drafting a preliminary budget for the 2024-2025 fiscal year. Working with the budget committee, he identified a possible \$24,000 surplus. However, this would not adequately provide for additional full-time staffing should another person be hired. Bob will have a more defined budget draft at the next council meeting.

Old Business: John La Duke provided an update of the nomination committee process. Some promotional/advertising deadlines were missed, so the schedule is being adjusted to make sure adequate time is provided for interested candidates to submit their names to the committee.

Bob Michl has reserved GNHS Room 121 for the yearly Advisory Council Retreat.

New Business: A brief discussion continued regarding the possible addition of staff. Helen Meeks discussed the importance of putting together a job description and gathering information on the hiring process. She supported the idea of looking for additional staffing due to the growth of the organization.

Helen Meeks asked about why Omaha's recruiting event was being called a "showcase" and the Lincoln event was being called an "open house." Jeanette Wellsandt explained there would be "sample classes" in Omaha with a schedule to follow. The Lincoln event is a "come and go as you please" event.

Helen Meeks reminded the council that the yearly retreat will include a review of policies and procedures, a review of the three-year plan and a discussion about how to address leadership vacancies in the Events and Diversity committees.

Jim McLoughlin shared information about the next pop-up event, which will be at the Cellar 426 Winery in Ashland on Wednesday, April 10.

The meeting was adjourned at 10:30 a.m.

The next meeting will be April 8, 2024, at 9 a.m. via Zoom.