

OLLI Advisory Council Minutes

Monday, May 20, 2024, Zoom meeting

Present: Helen Meeks, De Tonack, Jim McLoughlin, David Dyke, Charlyne Berens, Greg Jensen, Jim VanKirk, Zakiyyah Mustafa, Nancy Mitchell, Mary Ann Losh, Teri Hlava, Roger Lempke, Barbara Schliesser, Carol Meyers, Polly Feis, Bob Michl, Jeanette Wellsandt, Patricia Saldana

Absent: Bob Bleicher, John La Duke, Paul Van de Water

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

The minutes were approved as presented.

Treasurer's Report: Jim Van Kirk reported the Foundation report is unchanged from last month. Next month's report should indicate that all underutilized funds will have expenses that will remove the "underutilized" label. The budget identifies a current "carry-forward" amount of over \$58,000 for the year. This amount will be reduced significantly after all end of year invoices are paid.

Patricia Saldana and Nancy Mitchell presented a marketing report indicating targeted markets for 2024-2025. Based on a survey asking how members got their news, OLLI will utilize funds to use facebook, radio, television, and print media to promote the organization and events. In addition to Lincoln and Omaha, OLLI will also target the I80 corridor across the state.

Chair's Comments: Helen reported this is her last meeting as council chair and thanked the council for their support. She shared key accomplishments the council reached during that time: a major revision of Policies and Procedures, membership growth, and financial stability

Director's Report: Bob Michl reported the OLLI staff will have a half day retreat at the end of May to discuss plans for the upcoming year. The Omaha Showcase will be on July 25 from 8:30-12:00 at the Scott Center in Omaha. The Lincoln open-house will be August 9th from 12:30-3:30 at the Great Plains ballroom on Lincoln's East Campus.

Old Business:

Advisory Council officer elections were conducted with the following results: Chair – Jim VanKirk; Vice-Chair, Nancy Mitchell; Treasurer, Paul Van de Water; Secretary, Audrey Paulman.

The 2024-2025 operating budget was unanimously approved.

Bob Michl reminded members of the upcoming Advisory Council retreat on June 12. He included a request for proposed policy and procedure updates to be sent to him in advance of the retreat.

New Business: Gene Stohs and Suzanne Schied were announced as new council members. They were elected by membership to serve three-year terms.

Bob Michl provided an update of the Saturday, October 12, fall symposium on “Urban-Rural Divide.” All invited speakers have committed, and Bob will now draft a grant request to Humanities Nebraska for support of this event.

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

The next meeting will be August 12th, 2024, at 9 a.m. by Zoom.