

OLLI at UNL Advisory Council Meeting Agenda
Monday, November 11, 2024 9:00 am via Zoom

Present: Audrey Paulman, Jim VanKirk, PaulVanDeWater, Helen Meeks, Bob Michl, Nancy Mitchell, David Dyke, Carol Myers, Mary Ann Losh, Teri Hlava, Suzanne Schied, Jeanette Wellsandt, Gene Stohs, Jim McLoughlin, Greg Jensen, Charlyne Berens

Absent: Zakiyyah Mustafa, Roger Lempke

Chair Jim Van Kirk called the meeting to order at 9 a.m. Jim reminded the council that today is Veteran's Day. David Dyke and Roger Lempke were recognized as veterans and were thanked for their service.

Approval of the October, 2024 meeting minutes. Corrections were suggested by Helen Meeks. After discussion, changes/edits were made. Motion made to approve, seconded, and approved.

Budget Reports – Paul Van De Water provided the 2024-25 Foundation report as presented. New columns added to the report assist with clarification with tracking foundation funds. Paul explained the monthly budget report, including the delay in billing and payments because UNL runs one month in arrears. The “carry forward” amount has increased by over \$20,000 for this fiscal year.

Membership committee report – Jim McLaughlin provided a powerpoint presentation that explained how the committee's focus is on retention and growth. Metrics were reviewed. Ambassador goals/initiatives were reviewed. Ambassadors are assisting members to register and welcoming them to class. The goal of the interest groups are to grow in numbers and to establish more groups in the Omaha area. There are three interest groups in Omaha, and 21 overall.

Director's Report – Bob Michl gave a brief report as presented in the council packet of information. New membership this year is at 370 members. Enrollment is high and finances are solid. Former CEHS Dean, Sherri Jones, is retiring at the end of November. Winter promotional advertising will include having a “Jolly OLLI” winter.

Chair comments – Jim Van Kirk appreciates the number of volunteers that exist behind the scenes. There are over 150 volunteers, not including instructors and facilitators.

Old Business - Council members attending the NAACP Banquet provided comments and observations of the program, citing that it was interesting, and that it was good OLLI was seen as a sponsor. The STAR Destinations contract has been renewed for a fourth year (1st year of an extension of the original 3 year contract.) OLLI staff is still reviewing potential dates for next year's Lincoln and Omaha recruiting events.

New Business – None

The next meeting will be on Monday, January 13, 2025 at 9:00 a.m. via zoom.

The meeting was adjourned at 9:52 am.