

Osher Lifelong Learning Institute at the University of Delaware in Lewes
Council Minutes
Frederick Thomas Building
January 22, 2019

In attendance: Bill Sharkey (chair), Anna Moshier, Jennifer Merrill, Peter Feeney, Kathy Henn, Karen Schaub, Paul Collins, Joan Sciorra, Gerri Stephenson, Lynn Kroesen, Bud Zimmerman, Connie Benko, Jane McGann, Craig Haggerty, Bob Comeau, Bill Ashmore, and Sabatino Maglione. Quorum Present.

Bill Sharkey called the meeting to order at 10: 01 a.m.

Agenda: The agenda for the January 22, 2019 Council Meeting was approved.

Minutes: The Minutes from the November 19, 2018 Lewes OLLI Council Meeting were approved.

Motion to approve: Sabatino Maglione

Second: Paul Collins

Passed unanimously

Staff Reports: Anna Moshier introduced Jennifer Merrill, OLLI Wilmington Manager, to the Council.

Jennifer Merrill: Renovations are still in process at Wilmington. Enrollment is slightly up for the spring registration. The “U. D. by the Sea” event scheduled for next May 21-24 at Rehoboth Beach is currently accepting registrations. Summer course proposals are requested.

Anna Moshier: Slides of the results from the National Resource Center (Osher) Survey for Delaware were presented and categories were reviewed. An analysis of the National Survey is expected soon. A prospective survey form was sent to Council members for their review and suggestions. Retired Faculty members from the University of Delaware who are first-time instructors for OLLI receive 2 semesters of OLLI membership for free at Wilmington and Dover. The Lewes Council tabled consideration of Lewes offering the same membership fee waiver until next month. The “U.D. by the Sea” event has 45 registrations to date, 40 rooms have been reserved at the Atlantic Sands Hotel, with expectation of accommodating 120 attendees. Connie Benko is organizing the Music track. Adam Foley of the University of Delaware made a presentation at the Inclusion Workshop held in Wilmington. He highlighted the development of a multi-cultural curriculum. The State wide OLLI Council Meeting was held in Dover on January 8. Anna requested a new office chair.

Motion to purchase an office chair for no more than \$200: Sabatino Maglione

Second: Bob Comeau

Passed unanimously

Renee Moy: “New Members and Instructors Orientation” is scheduled for Wednesday, January 23 in Ocean View and Thursday, January 24 in Lewes. An agenda for the Lewes Orientation was distributed. Enrollment for the spring semester was about 580 for Lewes and 120 for Dover.

Committee Reports:

Travel: Joan Sciorra

100 participants are signed up for the New York City for next April 30-May 3.

Social Committee: Connie Benko

Happy Hours will be held in Lewes at Irish Eyes on February 13 and March 13 from 3 to 6 p.m. The Fall Luncheon, held at the Atlantic Sands Hotel in Rehoboth Beach on November 27, was a success. The Spring Luncheon is scheduled for April 23 at the Atlantic Sands. Walk-in Registration began on January 8 from 10 a.m. to 1 p.m. with a registration station providing catalogs and information at the Lewes Public Library. Prospective members could mail in their registration forms or come to our school in person. The Walk-in Registration held January 9 from 10 a.m. to 1 p.m. was well attended and over 75 registered; many were new members.

Development: Paul Collins

We submitted a space request form to the Facilities Department of the University of Delaware awhile ago and while Anna Moshier attended a facilities group meeting it was suggested that we look at the Virden Center. Paul Collins visited the Virden Center and reported it had adequate space for our needs. We would need to make some changes in flooring materials, shades and sinks for the art room and eventually some expansion. Parking might be able to be expanded as well or some arrangement for shuttle transportation might be arranged. The rental cost is \$100,000 per year but might be cut in half if the University could hold events in the space on weekends. It is still uncertain when we could get a building on the University's construction plan.

Community Relations: Craig Haggerty and Gerri Stephenson

Craig: Library displays ran for 2 weeks in December. Catalogs were taken but no one signed the sign in books. Craig announced that she needed to resign from the Council.

Gerri: Usher volunteers are needed for the March 24 Delaware Symphony performance.

Library: No Report.

Long Range Planning: Pete Feeney

A meeting is scheduled for February 22 with Bill Sharkey, Bud Zimmerman, Karen Schaub, Anna Moshier, and Pete Feeney. The Budget Meeting will follow. Pete reported receiving a Structure of Governance flow chart detailing positions from Towson University that could be considered.

Scholarship: Sabatino Maglione

2 scholarships have been awarded to date.

Financial*: Karen Schaub

Karen noted that some changes have been made to the November and December Financial Statement. She called attention to the Dover Year to Date, Tuition Fees, and to Dover's Salary and Benefit Expense and the Supplies category. This month visual charts were added to the report.

Academic Affairs: Bud Zimmerman

Bud indicated a new instructor with D. Min was considering teaching a course on "Old Testament" from a historical and literary perspective. Mary Boyd has indicated that her Constitutional Law Issues currently scheduled for one day might require two days.

Pete Feeney reported that the Board of Directors of the Millsboro Art League will host an Art Show on February 11. Lewes is invited to display 40 paintings. The show will last a month to a month and a half with an Open House. Voting for the best submissions will be held. Talks have begun with the CEO of Beebe Hospital discussing partnering together with us. A meeting with the hospital and Anna and Bill will be scheduled in the future.

Communications: Lynn Kroesen

The next *Tides* deadline will be announced next month.

Nominating Committee: Pete Feeney

The Nominating Committee met on January 4. Of the three seats available both Kathy Henn and Bud Zimmerman agreed to continue on for a second term. Connie Benko has agreed to accept the nomination for the third seat.

Old Business: None

New Business:

Renee Moy received a request to admit a 34 year old man with disabilities to our membership and courses. There are some provisions in our by-laws for such an exception to our age requirements. It was decided the gentleman would be invited to our New Member Orientation.

Anna Moshier requested changing the term "Program Coordinator" to "Program Manager" which is her proper position title.

Anna Moshier requested the approval for \$250 for DANA Membership.

Motion to approve \$250 for DANA Membership: Bob Comeau
Second: Jane McGann
Passed unanimously

Next Meeting:

The next meeting will be held at Lewes on Tuesday, February 19, 2019 at 12:15.

Motion to adjourn: Jane McGann
Second: Bud Zimmerman
Passed unanimously

Adjournment: 11:05 a.m.

Kathy Henn
Secretary

*Reports on File