

Tufts University
Osher Lifelong Learning Institute
Executive Board Meeting
Minutes: 12/17/2020

Executive Board Members Present: Joyce Carpenter, Ken Fettig, Grace Hall (Chair), Deborah Lapidès, Kathleen Mayzel, Bob Pride, Gloria Rosensweig, Samuel Ruth (Director), Mary Webb.

Recording Secretary: Kathy Scanlon

Minutes of previous meeting: accepted as corrected.

Director's comments: Sam Ruth

January session will start on Jan 11th; registration will be Monday, Dec 21st. There will be 38 courses for Jan/Feb. We are seeing a minor resurgence of member proposals, with some new member SGL's stepping up to lead a class.

There are 7 OLLI at Night events planned for the Winter and Spring.

Committee Reports:

Brookhaven: Kim Pratt

Kim could not attend but reported to Grace that she is still working hard behind the scenes to publicize the Osher classes.

Curriculum: Bob Pride – full report at end of minutes

The Dec 3rd meeting was used to review the proposals for the Jan/Feb session.

The winter session will have 38 classes. 5 of the proposals were from new member SGL's. A typical winter session is approx. 20 classes.

The CC will meet two times in Jan. Once to discuss agenda items and the second time to review the proposals for the next session.

The March/April proposal deadline is Jan 24th.

Editor: Kathleen Mayzel

"Spotlight" has received lots of submissions. Olivia, the work-study student is working on a digital version of Spotlight. There will be a mix of poems, text and photos.

It was decided that every submitter to Spotlight will get a print copy once it is finished. Members who request a print copy after it has been published online can also receive one.

Financial:

Grace and Sam will meet in Jan to discuss a replacement for this spot.

Sam will give a quarterly written financial statement to the board at the next meeting.

Lunch and Learn: Deborah Lapidès

All Jan, Feb and March dates are filled except two spots that are being worked on now.

The Committee will meet at the end of Feb to plan for April, May and June.

Membership: Gloria Rosensweig

New Member Orientation is on Jan 4th at noon.

Judy Katz will be joining their committee starting in Jan.

Membership is at 719 as of today. Last year at this time we were at 684. Up about 4%

An email to Tufts alum went out this week; as a result we are seeing new alum members joining.

There was a discussion of alumni participation at other OLLI's and how we can increase our numbers along with increasing more faculty led classes. A lot of our new members have added to our program in positive ways and membership satisfaction is still equally important.

There was a suggestion to try to get Dean Stavridis to come participate in the OLLI at Night.

Member at Large: Mary Webb

Things at Brookhaven are quiet right now so OLLI has filled a great need there.

Old Business:

20th Anniversary Celebration: We will hold on this until we can get together and celebrate "in person".

New Business:

West Medford Community Center

Joyce and Sam met with West Medford Comm Center: Sandy the Executive Director and Terry the community liaison.

Terry will be willing to lead a study group for us in Feb to go along with Black History Month.

We will offer anyone that is a WMCC member a free OLLI membership for 6 months from Jan -June 2021 as a "One-time Exclusive Outreach Membership".

This will help build relationships with local community groups.

WMCC will be able to enroll in Terry's class for free but will pay for other classes they wish to participate in.

The office will track these members in the same way they track Brookhaven or Stoneham Senior Center members.

New Registration System:

Sam briefly mentioned some research on a new registration system he is working on.

This would allow us to re-introduce discounted class fees to members. We will put this on the agenda for the May meeting.

Adjourned: 1:27 pm

Next Meeting: Thursday, Jan. 21, 2021

All Committee meetings as well as the Executive Board meeting are open to all members with advance notice to the Director.

There will be an open comment period at the end of each meeting, time permitting. Upcoming meeting dates:

- Curriculum Committee: January 7, 2021, January 28, 2021
- Membership Committee: January 7, 2021
- Executive Board: January 21, 2021, February 18, 2021
- Lunch & Learn: February 2021
- Nominating Committee – TBD

Curriculum Committee Report – Bob Pride

The Curriculum Committee met on December 3rd. This was our first meeting since meeting twice in October. While we did not meet in November, we plan to meet twice again in January so we can deal with normal agenda items (January 7th) and then review and approve study groups for March and April (January 28th).

The Committee reviewed and approved 41 proposals which included 14 from current OLLI members. Five of the proposals were from members who had not previously submitted proposals. Thirty eight study groups will run now and three will run in a future term. Last winter we approved 23 study groups to run in the Winter term which ran for four weeks from mid-January to mid-February. Zoom etiquette was briefly discussed. This will be on the agenda again in January. In one class two people were sharing a screen when only one member was registered. This was referred to the office. The proposal deadline for March and April study groups is January 24th.