

ILR Board Directors Meeting
1:30 p.m. Jan. 13, 2009
The Knolls of Oxford

Jenny called the meeting to order at 1:30 p.m. Present were Ardell Hawley, Jack Haffey, Betty Julian, Jerry Miller, Pat Baugher, Jenny Davis, Mark Plageman, Frank Jordan, Bill Gracie, Nancy Hoffmann, Donna Gouvan and Susan King.

Jenny apologized for not getting out an agenda before the meeting.

Oct. Minutes

The Oct. minutes were approved with a motion from Jerry and the second from Frank.

Financial Report Pat

Because of the state of Miami's budget she needs more information before presenting our budget. There was a discussion concerning raising membership fees which led to needing a definition of "membership" and what it entails. (a discussion we have had before) We have very little correspondence with Elderhostel. It would be good to know what other groups charge.

Jenny said the Standing Rules need to be revised to match the bylaws that were revised in 2008. She would like a committee to look into this.

Jenny

Nelly Bly has requested permission to serve wine and refreshments during a 4 to 6 pm music class. After some discussion, Pat moved with a second from Bill, that the class leader let the group decide about bringing refreshments.

Liaison Committee Susan

There were problems this fall with liaisons not picking up their packets or coming to the informational meeting, even after several reminders by Susan. This meeting is important because Donna goes over everything including using audiovisuals. The LLL office will give Susan their list of people not to use. (for several reasons such as memory loss, etc.) Two suggestions: Donna and Nancy meet with Susan's committee to address problems. Host a Liaison Open House over several hours, say 10 to 2, to make it easier for people to attend.

Special Events Nancy

Look for Special Events updates by email. Jenny asked that the Collaborative Document be made available to ILR so we all know what we should be doing. Nancy's written report appears after these minutes.

Because the Seagull trip is short so few participants and there is money in the budget to cover the expenses, Bill moved with a second from Jack to go ahead with the trip.

Curriculum Committee Bill

35 or 36 classes are planned for Spring, including History of Miami, History of Dress, Shakespeare, poetry, creative writing, men cooking and several hands on classes. There are also several new instructors. The committee is meeting the second week of March to start planning for the fall term. Since Elinor and Ann had to write many course descriptions because instructors did not properly fill out their forms, they are revising the form. They will check the number of registrations next term to see if they are down due to the economy, etc. Are 35 classes too many? Are there too many classes in the same area? They are always looking for new instructors.

.Due to requests for class attendance info, Donna will email each board member two documents: 2008 Fall classes and registration, and an ongoing list of every class, instructor, etc. since ILR began.

On classes with a size limit, no limit will be mentioned because it discouraged people from signing up. A list will be kept and people will be asked to inform the office if they can't attend.

Electronic class lists will be sent out one week after the paper version this semester. Nancy is trying to keep the mailing list cost effective.

Jenny

Are evaluations really useful? Discussion: Donna said they provide a way for people to suggest classes they would like to see offered. Mark and Bill say they learn very little they didn't get during class. Instructors will be told there will be no formal evaluations this term. Since less than 5% do not get email, in the future an electronic survey may be sent. Special Events announcements are being sent electronically now.

Scripps Buffy

Her report follows these minutes.

Frank

Since he has no information about financial sponsorship for Down In Mississippi, Frank asked and received permission to pursue it anyway. A sponsorship with the theater department was suggested.

Publicity Jack

Because buses have become so expensive, should we consider car pooling? He is pursuing Miami alumni chapters in Cincinnati, Columbus and Indianapolis, inviting them to join us on our trips to their cities.

Pat reported the first Miami Knolls event, a dinner and program on aging, will be held next week. Miami students are helping Knolls folks learn basic computer skills.

Jenny gave a special thanks to Jack Haffey for all his help this past year. She also thanked the board members for their help during her terms as president of the board.

Meeting adjourned at 2:45.

