

DRAFT
LLI Council Meeting Minutes
February 16, 2021
Via Zoom
9:32 a.m. to 11:16 a.m.

Council Members Present: Robert Beaury, Nanci Kryzak, Jill Lundquist, Emily Michael, Ann Miller, Chuck Mishaan, Marge Moran, Cathy Reinis, Deborah Schwartz, Linda Stanley, Linda Still, Anne Sunners, Tom Esposito, Ex Officio

Council Members Absent: Deborah Lanser, John Mathews

Also Present: Florence Bannicq, Barbara Burns, Charlene Prounis, Michael Prounis, Eleanor Wieder, Carmela Gersbeck (admitted after Council vote)

Call to Order: The regularly scheduled meeting was called to order by President Nanci Kryzak at 9:32 a.m. Nanci welcomed the guests and invited Council members and the guests to introduce themselves.

Minutes: Upon a motion by Anne and seconded by Linda Stanley, the minutes of January 19, 2021 were unanimously approved.

Executive Committee Reports

President's Report: Nanci Kryzak

Nanci reported that, with regrets, she had accepted the resignation of Ann Miller as Chair of Program Support as of the end of the current meeting. All present applauded Ann's work for LLI and joined in thanking her for her contributions. Carmela Gersbeck has agreed to serve as Chair of the revised Program Support Committee.

Motion: Upon a motion by Cathy, seconded by Jill, the Council unanimously approved her appointment as of the end of this meeting, and Carmela joined the meeting.

The Finance Committee and Planning and Evaluation both recommend reinstating an annual fee of \$175 for the 2021-2022 membership year.

Motion: Upon a motion by Jill, seconded by Robert, the 2021-2022 Annual LLI membership fee of \$175 was approved unanimously.

The Dean Stuart Stritzler-Levine Seniors-to-Seniors Scholarship reception will be held on Zoom this year. David Shein, Dean of Studies, is checking for the best date. Students will present their projects and will receive a gift box from Taste Budd's in place of the usual Tea.

Nanci, Robert, and Jill met with the Arts and Entertainment Advocacy Clinic at the Antonin Scalia Law School of George Mason University. They discussed the issues around recording classes. A response is expected from the clinic shortly.

Nanci shared our Sustained Leadership Development model with Vassar LLI; Donna Warner and Barbara Burns have agreed to do a presentation for them.

1st Vice President's Report: Linda Stanley

Nominating has assembled bios and pictures of the candidates; they are now being edited and will be in the newsletter and on the ballot. The slate: 2 VP, Felice Gelman; Secretary, Deborah Lanser; Member at Large, Carol Goss, John Mathews, Michael Weinstock.

Elections met January 26 to begin work on the ballot and will meet again February 12.

Linda also asked that members send her critical questions for the annual member survey.

2nd Vice President's Report: Cathy Reinis

Linda Stanley updated the Nominating workflow. Next up: elections and registration.

Correspondence: Cathy Reinis for Deborah Lanser

Deborah reported that there was no correspondence.

Treasurer's Report: Robert Beaury

Robert asked that any committees who have not sent budget requests do so now. Hybrid learning will involve expenses; the amount is still being discussed. Robert has worked with Bard to set up an improved payment method so that Bard pays directly for services.

Motion: Upon a motion by Jill seconded by Emily, Council voted unanimously to approve the Treasurer's January 2021 report.

Standing and Ad Hoc Committee Reports

Administration/Infrastructure: Deborah Schwartz

Session Managers: recruitment has been very active. There is now one session manager for each spring class and it's being determined who needs more than one. Jill noted that hybrid classes require an onsite person (field manager) as well as a session manager running the Zoom part. Chuck reported that the hybrid team has been running field experiments and is waiting for an update from Bard on their tech equipment.

There is now a series of short videos made in Google Classroom and posted to YouTube giving directions on tech needs; e.g., signing in to ProClass, moving a Google Doc, submitting a newsletter article. The link to Google Classroom is being sent to chairs@lli.bard.edu (goes to all committee and team chairs) to share as needed with their groups.

The new Mail Chimp request process seems to be working well. The editing is done before the Mail Chimp is formatted.

Jill noted that the website has out of date information that needs to be updated.

Action Point: Linda Still will host a meeting with Jill, Nanci, Deborah, Cathy, Susan Christoffersen to review what needs to be updated.

Chuck is working on the ballot; Deborah will export a list of members and their email addresses to load into Survey Monkey for the election.

ProClass is set up for spring registration. If payments still need to be handled by LLI, a new volunteer, Ann Davis will work on that.

Question: Will SummerFest be open to non-members and, if so, will there be a fee?
Referred to P&E.

Curricular and Special Programs: Anne Sunners

The new hybrid class concept will have its first iteration in May with two off-site classes with Skip Doyle at Roosevelt and Hyde Park. SummerFest has two hybrid classes - gardening and walks with Skip Doyle. The question of in person or online for fall is still open.

Governance: Nanci Kryzak

Jill is LLI's liaison to CCE and distributed to Council a report detailing the many local and global projects that CCE is overseeing. We can be proud of being part of CCE. (The report is in the Council Shared Drive under the February Minutes folder.)

Membership Development Committee: Linda Still

Barbara continues to invite members to our Council meetings. She suggests questions for the member survey include some on volunteering.

A Work Group has been formed with Donna Warner, Barbara, and Emily to raise awareness and embed Leadership Development in LLI. They would like more participants.

The Gardening social gathering is at capacity; a tea party is planned for March; Kim Sears suggested a New Member Social Reunion to check in with new members, share information about IDs and volunteer opportunities.

Maddy Watterson will send a reminder to mentors to check in with mentees before spring classes.

Kim plans to work with Bard HR to get 2020 new member Bard ID numbers assigned so that we don't have two classes of new members needing ID numbers. Bard ID cards will not be issued until in-person photos are taken when we return to campus.

Scholarship opportunities need to be relocated on the website and the information improved.

Program Support: Ann Miller

Ann reported on Session Manager recruitment and on "lessons learned" from WinterFest. The Hybrid Team has met three times, including their field test, and are narrowing down the processes and equipment needed.

Planning and Evaluation: Jill Lundquist

Most P&E discussion has been reported elsewhere.

Action Points: At the next P&E meeting, set the membership cap for 2021-2022; reorganize Program Support to recognize the new configuration.

There was a request to record Council meetings. P&E voted against the idea; Chuck strongly argued for it. The idea has been tabled pending a report on recording classes.

LLI is asking to co-sponsor a Community Read of Isabel Wilkerson's *Caste*. Currently, the sponsors are the libraries of Red Hook, Rhinebeck, Rhinecliff, and Tivoli. If we are a co-sponsor, we can publicize the program and invite our members to join the discussion. (This is a project from the Who Us diversity team.)

Action Point: Jill will connect Nanci with the libraries to sign us on as a co-sponsor.

Old Business

After discussion, the policy on publicizing community initiatives, discussed in January, will stand as written.

New Business

Nanci read the following policy for discussion:

PROG 11/17. At registration, LLI members give their permission for their photo or video image to be used in LLI publications and communications.

No changes to the policy were proposed, and it stands as written.

Nanci then read the following policy:

PROG 05/18-B. LLI presenters are volunteers from LLI's membership, the community, and Bard College faculty. LLI does not offer honorariums.

No changes to the policy were proposed, and it stands as written.

Guest Comments

Guests were impressed by the efficient functioning of the Council meetings. Florence said she wants to help, as did Rosealice D'Avanzo, a long-time member. Rosealice said she was disappointed that we did not have a 20th anniversary gala and Nanci promised we would when we can be together. Charlene, who has sat on university boards, was impressed with how well the group works together. Eleanor also commented that the group works well and said she was very interested in the Who Us diversity initiative. Barbara thanked the new members and the Council.

Adjournment

Motion: Upon a motion by Cathy, seconded by Marge Moran, and unanimously approved, the meeting was adjourned at 11:16 a.m.

The next Council meeting will be held on Monday, March 15 at 9:30 a.m.

Respectfully submitted,
Cathy Reinis, acting for
Deborah Lanser
Secretary