



LLI Council Meeting

April 18, 2022

Video Conference

9:30 a.m. - 11:21 a.m.

LLI at Bard College

Mission

LLI provides educational and social opportunities for our members to share their love of learning and to exchange ideas and experiences. LLI offers noncredit and noncompetitive courses and other events under the sponsorship of Bard College. LLI strives to be an inclusive organization and welcomes applicants and members from all backgrounds.

Council Members Present: Robert Beaury, Tom Esposito (ex officio), Felice Gelman, Carmela Gersbeck, Carol Goss, Robert Inglish, Nanci Kryzak, Deborah Lanser, Linda LeGendre, Jill Lundquist, John Mathews, Linda Stanley

Council Members Absent: Chuck Mishaan, Marge Moran, Deborah Schwartz

Also Present: Michael Weinstock, Jerry Brockett, Mary McClellan, Kayla Bell

Call to Order

President Nanci Kryzak called the meeting to order at 9:30 a.m.

Approval of Minutes

Upon a motion by Carmela and seconded by Linda Stanley, the minutes of the March 21, 2022 Council meeting were unanimously approved.

Executive Committee Reports

President's Report: Nanci Kryzak

The vaccination status of all LLI members who registered for spring courses has been verified. The list of vaccinated members is in the shared drive under Council/Covid documents. The status of almost everyone who registered for the backstage Fisher Center tour has been verified. Verification for the May 4 social event is not complete. For the annual meeting, members at large will be stationed at the doors to check attendees' vaccination status and name tags. Jill will coordinate the verification for SummerFest.

Nanci asked whether we should retain a membership cap of 350 for the 2022-2023 season.

Motion: Upon a motion by Robert Beaury and seconded by Carmela, Council voted unanimously to retain the current membership cap.

Nanci solicited ideas for discussion at the business portion of the annual meeting.

LLI members will not be allowed to use the dining facilities on campus until further notice.

We received an acknowledgement from Karen Unger for our \$700 donation to the Big Read.

First Vice President's Report: Linda Stanley

We received 223 votes during the last election, an excellent response. The winners were Robert Beaury, president; Mary McClellan, first vice president; and Kayla Bell and Michael Weinstock, members at large.

The annual survey will go out May 16 and end May 30. Linda will write a report about it after the survey closes.

Motion: Upon a motion by Carmela and seconded by Linda, Council members unanimously approved the results of the 2022 Council election.

Second Vice President's Report: Felice Gelman

The revised bylaws will be sent to the membership for approval on April 29.

Felice will work with committee chairs to ensure that the workflow documents are updated. She asked all responders to include the names of their committee members and Bard contacts.

Secretary's Report: Deborah Lanser

The only piece of mail was the acknowledgement from Karen Unger for our contribution, which Nanci already mentioned.

Treasurer's Report: Robert Beaury

There were two financial transactions in March that Robert was not aware of. He is following up to learn the reasons for the charges and will report back next month.

Motion: Upon a motion by Jill and seconded by Linda S, council members unanimously voted to accept the April budget report.

The preliminary budget for 2022-2023 will be similar to the budget for 2021-2022, since the income from membership fees and donations will be the same. He has added line items of \$1,000 for social gatherings and marketing/advertising each. He estimated retained earnings of \$3,300. He has removed the allotted \$1,500 from AV and added that amount to technology. And he has moved the money set aside for the 20th anniversary gala to annual events.

Motion: Upon a motion by Carol and seconded by Felice, Council members unanimously approved the preliminary budget.

Standing Committee Reports

Admin/Infrastructure:

Committee Chair Deborah Schwartz was not present at the meeting. No one had questions about her written report.

Curricular and Special Programs: Linda LeGendre

SummerFest is looking good, with one Zoom class on Thursdays and eight in-person classes on Fridays. Linda and Carmela will handle the evaluations.

There will be several new presenters for fall. Linda and Carmela will work together to get everyone familiar with Google Workspace.

Governance: Nanci Kryzak

Work on the archival material is still on hold. Nanci will follow up and report on this.

Membership Development: Robert English

The new member reception on May 4, which Kayla is arranging, is primarily social with an opportunity to discuss volunteering. The MailChimp invitation will be sent April 20.

Forty-three people are interested in the Fisher Center tour, and two want to include their spouses. If we don't get 50 members by a certain date, we will allow spouses to come, first come, first served.

There is interest in developing social groups and Jan Kohn has agreed to draft a newsletter article about them. However, Nanci pointed out that if these groups are part of LLI, she has to discuss the risk management with our insurance agent. There is also the question of who will handle registration and organization:

Suggestion: Since the annual survey will include a question about social groups, we should wait to see the results before creating social groups.

Suggestion: Since volunteers are already stretched thin, Felice suggested we discuss how we want to handle social groups at our next P&E.

Suggestion: Social groups should not be advertised as LLI events.

Offer: Robert Beaurty offered to contact the insurance agent, once we understand what interests members, so we can proceed with a better understanding of the risks.

Fern Fleckman will take over new member orientation.

Let Robert know about any volunteer spots that need to be filled. These can be discussed at an upcoming volunteer event. He wants all committee chairs to be available at that event. If any committees have particular spots that need filling, let him know in advance.

Action point: Carmela has started a list of volunteer needs, which she will send to Council members.

SummerFest will be first come, first served, for both members and nonmembers. Nonmembers will be charged \$25 a class. We will have to check the vaccination status of everyone who attends in-person classes at SummerFest.

Program Support: Carmela Gersbeck

Jack Grover will help set up Olin Hall for our annual meeting. We will need to recruit and train more class managers.

Irene Esposito is working on food for our various events. We still need people to volunteer for hospitality next fall.

Hybrid learning is proving to be a success; it provides more flexibility and offers an opportunity for remote presenters.

Planning and Evaluation: Jill Lundquist

We need to remember and honor Dean Stuart Levine at the upcoming Seniors-to-Seniors Tea. Jill asked Council members to come. Class managers can remind members of the tea on that Friday.

Old Business

Deborah Lanser read the following policy for Council comments:

PROG 01/15. The current Bard College Copyright Policy is adopted as Council policy. This policy can be found as an addendum to the Policy Manual.

Nanci will check with Helene Tieger to be sure the copyright policy is being updated in a timely way. And the policy will be added to the LLI policy manual.

Deborah then read a second policy:

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

Members did not want to change it. The policy stands.

Deborah read a third policy:

PROG 07/20. Presenters may bring one guest to attend their class each week of their courses. For online classes, a presenter may submit a maximum of three guest email addresses to be sent the link to the requested classes.

There was no discussion. The policy stands.

New Business

Nanci then read a proposed new policy to be included in the newsletter:

The opinions and views expressed in the LLI Newsletter are those of the author(s). They do not purport to reflect the opinions or views of LLI or its members. In addition, any link to a website or content belonging to or originating from third parties are not investigated, monitored or checked for accuracy, adequacy, validity, reliability or completeness by LLI, nor does LLI accept any responsibility for such content.

Motion: Upon a motion to approve the disclaimer by Carmela and seconded by Linda L, Council members unanimously voted to approve the disclaimer.

Vote motion to add disclaimer as LLI policy. LS, LL. Unanimous.

Nanci suggested that given May's busy schedule, we forgo the May Council meeting. The budget report and minutes can be distributed by email and discussed in P&E.

Adjournment

Motion: Upon a motion by Jill and seconded by Linda S, Council members unanimously agreed to adjourn the meeting.

Respectfully submitted,
Deborah Lanser
Secretary