



Council Minutes
September 19, 2022
9:31 a.m. - 10:55 a.m.
Via Zoom

Council Members Present: Robert Beaury, Jerry Brockett, Felice Gelman, Carmela Gersbeck, Carol Goss, Robert Inglish, Deborah Lanser, Jill Lundquist, Linda LeGendre, Mary McClellan, Michael Weinstock

Council Members Absent: Kayla Bell, John Mathews

Call to Order

President Robert Beaury called the meeting to order at 9:31 a.m.

Approval of Minutes

Upon a motion by Michael and seconded by Carol, Council unanimously approved minutes of the August 15, 2022 meeting.

Secretary Correspondence

Deborah reported that we received only one piece of correspondence, a flier from the Dutchess County Office of the Aging.

Treasurer's Report

Jerry reported there was little activity over the previous month. We received \$1,750 in fees. The combination of the total membership fees of \$12,775 plus the allocated fund balance of \$47,138 means the total received is \$59,913.

First Day Debrief

Although Tom had reserved LC115 for an LLI class, it is being used by Bard students. LLI members were able to find another classroom. Tom will check with Bard about the conflict.

While many members had positive comments about their classes, there were a few glitches with Zoom and hybrid classes. Felice reported complaints that one presenter had not adapted his style of teaching for a Zoom class.

Action point: Help presenters understand how best to teach when they are essentially on TV.

Robert English reported hearing complaints from members about the number of small classes they were unable to get into. We can encourage presenters to expand the size of their classes a bit, and look at finding classrooms with more space. Linda said there will be more large classes in the spring.

Fall Membership Party

Robert English confirmed with Blithewood Manor that we can hold a membership event there on November 4. All members will be invited and there will be a special acknowledgement of our volunteers and both member and nonmember presenters.

Thank You Notes

Eleanor Wieder can keep a sample letter in her files and produce one if requested. Otherwise, producers can continue to send personal thank you notes as well as comments from the evaluations.

Table at O+ Festival

LLI can set up a table at the festival to provide information about our organization. Council members recommended against creating a promotional brochure for distribution at the festival. Instead, Felice suggested having a small banner, possibly adapted from the design for the 20th anniversary banner. We can consider using Bard's design service. Linda Stanley may have the file for the 20th Anniversary banner.

Updated Masking Guidance

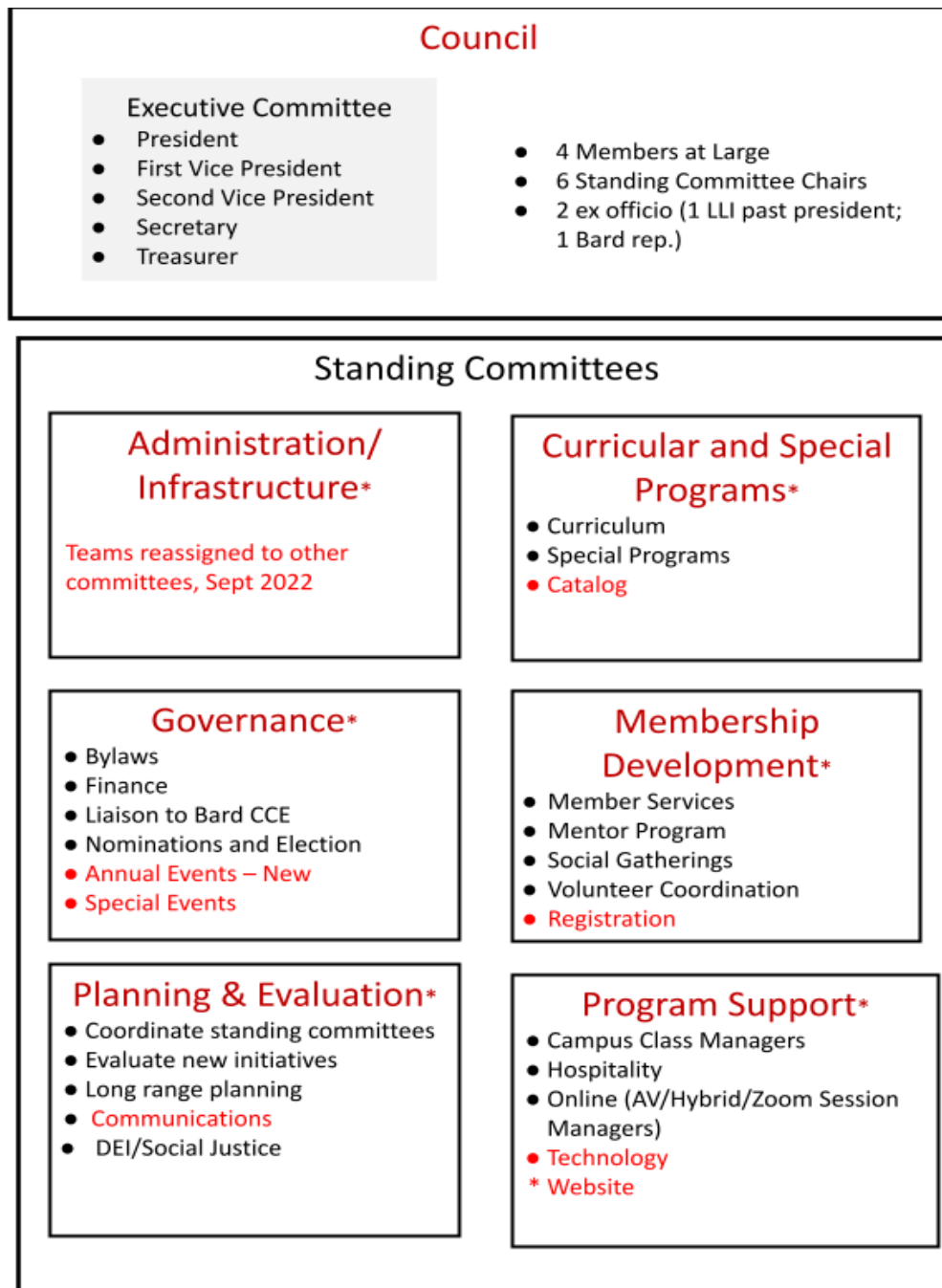
Michael noted that most students do not wear a mask on campus. He recommended following Bard's guidance and let members choose whether or not to wear a mask. Council agreed with his recommendation. Class managers can send out an email with the updated recommendations. This change may have implications for the hospitality room next semester.

For Next Month

Council can discuss how people reached out to potential new volunteers. We need to determine a strategy for getting more volunteers, especially for tech.

Revised Organizational Structure

Robert B proposed reducing the number of standing committees from six to five, as shown here:



* Other responsibilities assigned by the president

Revised August 2022

Admin/Infrastructure will be eliminated and its various teams moved elsewhere. Linda said she is willing to include catalog in her committee but she doesn't want to oversee special programs.

Council voted unanimously to accept the revised structure. Robert B will inform the membership about the change.

Policy Update

The DEI team has proposed amending the following policy:

PROG 02/20. LLI will publicize only events directly related to LLI or Bard. LLI will not advertise other events or organizations, including those sponsored by members or presenters. Death notices of LLI members will be briefly mentioned in the newsletter under the heading "In Memoriam," with links to the member's obituary if available.

The proposed amendment reads as follows:

Exceptions may be made when a timely written request for approval to disseminate information about a program, event, or course is submitted to P and E for discussion and recommendation to Council for final approval, directly by an LLI committee or team. Draft language for the proposed communication shall be included in the request.

(The reason for this proposed amendment: the DEI/SJ Team is actively working to establish collaborative relationships with other area LLIs and with community groups in more diverse communities in the Mid-Hudson region. There may be future opportunities for shared events, programs, and/or courses resulting from these collaborations, and we may wish to seek approval to inform our membership about them. We imagine other teams and/or committees may have similar interests as well.)

Motion: Upon a motion by Michael and seconded by Jill, Council unanimously voted to amend the policy.

Policies for Review

Deborah read the following policy for Council consideration:

FIN 04/21. LLI Council establishes need-based scholarships to LLI members for partial or full coverage of annual membership fees. The amount of said scholarships shall not exceed the cost of registration fees per individual, and the cumulative amount given shall not exceed \$2000 per year. New and renewing members who wish to apply for said scholarships shall petition the Council President, in writing. The President shall be authorized and empowered to award such scholarships, at his or her discretion, and the payment of such scholarship shall be made directly to LLI on behalf of the member(s).

Jill asked whether there is any benefit to having the dollar amount included in the policy. Jerry said he will discuss this at the next finance committee meeting.

Deborah then read the following policy:

FIN 11/13. There shall be no cash reserve requirement for LLI accounts.

Council members agreed that it is fine as it is.

Adjournment

Upon a motion by Jill and seconded by Carol, Council unanimously agreed to adjourn the meeting at 10:55 a.m.

Respectfully submitted,
Deborah Lanser
Secretary