



Council Minutes
October 17, 2022
9:30 - 11:12 a.m.
Via Zoom

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

Council Members Absent: Michael Weinstock

Call to Order

President Robert Beaury called the meeting to order at 9:30 a.m.

Approval of Minutes

Upon a motion by Carol and seconded by Carmela, the minutes of the Council meeting on September 17, 2022 were approved unanimously.

Secretary Correspondence

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

Treasurer's Report

Jerry reported we have had no income since July. We had \$386 in expenses for meals, catering, and supplies.

Tech Training

Robert asked Council members to identify any technology issues that would be suitable for a training session.

Membership Development

Robert I reported that Blithewood will require security. The first choice is Hessel CCS, who will charge \$20/hour. If they are unavailable, we can use Bard Security, who will not charge us. The MailChimp invite will be sent on October 18, with a cutoff date of October 26. If we don't have 100 acceptances by then, we will allow attendees to invite their spouses. Robert would like to have a jazz program but he is having difficulty finding musicians. The suggested payment was \$50, but some Council members thought this was too little.

Both Hessel tours went well, and Hessel provided the wine and cheese. Another set of tours will be planned in the spring for exhibits curated by the students. The Committee is also looking to have an event associated with a spring concert.

Suggestion: Make a donation to the Hessel Museum. Robert B will contact them about their specific needs.

Robert and Fern are working on the new member survey, which will be sent out in December.

Contact Tracing

Michael is taking phone calls from members who have contracted Covid but he is not contacting people who may have been exposed during an in-person class. We need to establish a procedure for informing members who may have been exposed while ensuring privacy of the infected member. Carmela can send out the message.

Action point: Carmela and Robert B will work on the language.

We need to remind people to wear a mask if they have a cough and to stay home if they are not feeling well. We also need to remind infected people to observe the quarantine period. The CDC and FDA have somewhat different recommendations. Communications can include links to both websites.

Action point: Update our website to include any new language.

Committee Luncheons

Council members enthusiastically discussed the possibility of supporting committee luncheons, since it's important for members to meet each other in person and to feel appreciated. Previous gatherings, such as that for class managers and session managers, have been well attended.

Action point: Discuss the idea with committee chairs.

Action point: Determine a budget for these events so each committee knows how much they can spend.

Action point: Work with Robert English to help organize these events.

Action point: Review the idea of setting up committee luncheons at the next Council meeting.

Rhinebeck Community Event

Rhinebeck at Home requested that we send out the following bulletin to our members:

**Saturday, October 22, 2022, from 9:30 am - 12:30 pm
at Rhinebeck High School in the auditorium & gymnasium**

THRIVING IN RHINEBECK:

**A Showcase of Services & Resources for Older Adults
~~a multi-generational event for our entire community~~**

Decision: Council decided not to send out a MailChimp about this event, since it didn't confirm with our policy requirements and only a portion of our members live in Rhinebeck. Instead, Council agreed to print out some fliers and post them at Olin where members can see them.

Finance Committee

Jerry will set up a meeting to consider donations and Robert B will handle the Zoom.

Policies for Review

Deborah read the first policy for consideration:

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.

Bard LLI members will be encouraged to send the WinterFest link to one person. Presenters may also share the link. In addition, the DEI team can share the link to our WinterFest courses with Vassar LLI and Marist LLI and to some community groups they are making connections with, as a way to build community. This will be an experiment to see who comes. Robert I asked whether sharing the WinterFest link with other LLIs was part of the DEI team's efforts to recruit more minority members. The DEI team has worked to diversify our course offerings so that they may be of interest to many different populations. Eventually, they may reach out to other organizations. Kayla asked whether the team had identified some possible target organizations. The team will welcome suggestions of possible target organizations

Deborah then read the following policy:

FIN 05/15-B. LLI at Bard contributes up to \$3750 to Bard College annually to support senior students' projects. This program is known as "Dean Stuart Stritzler - Levine Seniors-to-Seniors Scholarships."

Jerry pointed out that no other policy lists a specific dollar amount and asked whether there is a way to determine whether this covers what students need. He added that he wasn't sure that the policy was necessary.

Action point: Robert B will contact David Schein about how much of a donation is suitable.

The policy will stand until we have more information. no problem, why policy for that specific.

Deborah then read the following policy:

FIN 12/21. In the fall semester, members may withdraw from LLI membership and request a full refund of the annual membership fee by notifying the President, in writing, by the end of the second week of classes.

Council agreed that the policy is fair and doesn't need to be changed.

Volunteer Recruitment

We need to start recruiting more volunteers.

Action point: Discuss recruitment efforts at the November Council meeting.

Action point: Robert will distribute the list of new members and their interests again.

Adjournment

Upon a motion by Carmela and seconded by Robert I, Council voted unanimously to adjourn the meeting at 11:12 a.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Deborah Lanser

Secretary