



Council Minutes  
November 21, 2022  
9:31 - 11:05 a.m.  
Via Zoom

**Council Members Present:** Robert Beaury, Jerry Brockett, Carmela Gersbeck, Robert English, Deborah Lanser, Jill Lundquist, Linda LeGendre, Mary McClellan, John Matthews, Michael Weinstock

**Council Members Absent:** Kayla Bell, Felice Gelman, Carol Goss

**Also Present:** Lynne Walker

#### **Call to Order**

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

#### **Approval of Minutes**

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

#### **Secretary Correspondence**

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

#### **Treasurer's Report**

Jerry noted that there was little activity in the preceding month, with expenses for hospitality, tech and supplies totalling \$927. The expenses for the Blithewood event catering will come in November.

#### **Tech Training**

Carmela showed Council members how to access and read member evaluations on the shared drive.

**Action point:** She will look at ways to protect the data so members can view it but not change it.

#### **Business**

The Finance Team recommended that we increase the total amount of donations to Bard from \$23,230 to \$30,000 this year (Appendix 1).

**Motion:** Upon a motion by Jill and seconded by Robert, Council unanimously voted to increase our donations to Bard to \$30,000.

The team also recommended revising three policies (Appendix 2). The policies in question and the proposed revisions are as follows:

Current policy:

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Proposed revision:

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**Vote:** Council members voted unanimously to revise the policy as proposed.

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Deborah suggested that the policy should specify that the funds were to be used to support senior students’ projects.

**Action point:** Deborah will revise the proposed policy in accordance with her suggestion and present the revision at the next Council meeting.

### **Classrooms for Spring Semester**

Jill got a list of available classrooms, and Linda is working on identifying where classes can be held.

### **Hybrid, In-Person Only, and Zoom Only Classes**

Linda noted that hybrid classes work best for presentations with a lot of slides. But they require so much volunteer time that it is necessary to choose them carefully. They should not be done in the same room in successive sessions because of the time needed to set them up. There are four Zoom classes for spring.

### **Program to Recruit Veterans**

A proposal was made to recruit veterans as members of LLI. Robert Beaury and Robert Inglish discussed developing a message to send to veterans’ organizations. Jill was not in favor of this since it would require another volunteer to coordinate the program. In addition, veterans are woven into the fabric of our community already. Another issue is how many other groups would want to be invited. This issue can be reconsidered and discussed at another meeting.

### **Committee Luncheons**

Several different options were proposed for handling the \$20 per person limitation and covering the sales tax (Appendix 3).

Robert B suggested that LLI will pay up to \$20 per person for the luncheon. The committee chair will pay the balance and get a credit toward their membership fees next year.

Jerry can keep a list of the chairs and how much they are owed. There are teams within each committee and the logistics have to be worked out.

### **Blithewood Event**

The event was a success. About 115 people signed up; at least 5 canceled at the last minute and about 20 didn’t show up. A few people who didn’t register showed up, and about 15 nonmember spouses and partners were there. In future, we have to be careful of our numbers because of the fire code.

## **WinterFest**

Carmela said the tech team is in good shape for WinterFest and we shouldn't have any issues.

## **Policies for Review**

Deborah read the following policy for consideration:

FIN 11/20. LLI at Bard is immensely grateful to Bard College for its generous support. LLI, in turn, donates generously to the college, while maintaining fiscal responsibility for our organization. The LLI Finance Committee initiates the proposals for donations each year, in consultation with Bard administration, and makes recommendations to LLI Council for approval.

Council members accepted the policy as it is.

Deborah then read the following policy:

ORG 12/12. Former LLI members are not given priority for membership when reapplying for membership.

Jerry thought this policy seemed harsh. Carmela noted that if admission is not done by lottery, someone will have to manage admissions of previous members. Council members accepted the policy and suggested that we remind current members about the need to reapply if they drop their membership.

## **Use of LLI Logo on DEI Letter of Introduction**

Council members had no problem with this use. Jill will approve all communications.

## **DEI Advertisement for Kingston Black History Month**

Laura has created an advertisement for the Black History Month program (Appendix 4).

**Vote:** Council unanimously approved the advertisement.

## **Contact Tracing**

Michael noted that the US is now in the endemic phase of Covid and the need for contact tracing is over for our members. We can revisit this issue, if necessary, in the spring.

## **Calendar Updates**

Carmela reminded Council that the calendar needs to be updated. Robert will check on the dates for the election and the annual meeting.

## **Adjournment**

Upon a motion by Jill and seconded by Robert I, Council voted unanimously to adjourn the meeting at 11:05 a.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Deborah Lanser, Secretary

**Appendix 1**  
**Recommended Donations to Bard**

CCE \$9,000

Dean's Discretionary Fund \$9,000

Joan Tower \$1,500

Fund for Visual Learning \$2,500

Senior to Senior \$3,750

Early College in the High School \$2,000

Hessel Museum \$1,000

Remainder \$1,250

Total \$30,000

## Addendum 2

### Policies for consideration by Council as recommended by the Finance committee (Nov 2022)

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### **Addendum 3**

#### **LLI Luncheon Appreciation**

##### **Scenario 1**

15 members x \$16 (meal) = \$240 + 20% tip [48] = \$288

Sales tax = \$19.20 not included [240 x .08]

LLI pays \$19.20 per member [288/15]

Members pay \$1.28 share of tax and that's the total out of pocket

##### **Scenario 2**

15 members x \$20 (meal) = \$300 + 20% tip [60] = \$360

Sales tax = \$24 not included [300 x .08]

LLI pays \$20 per member [300/15]

Members pay \$4 share of tip and \$1.60 share of tax, total \$5.60 out of pocket

##### **Scenario 3**

15 members x \$28 (meal) = \$420 + 20% tip [84] = \$504

Sales tax = \$33.60 not included [420 x .08]

LLI pays \$20 per member [300/15]

Members pay difference [120/15] \$8, share of tip [84/15] \$5.60 plus share of tax [33.60/15] \$2.24, total \$15.84 out of pocket

##### **Scenario 4**

20 members x \$16 (meal) = \$320 + 20% tip [64] = \$384

Sales tax = \$25.60 not included [320 x .08]

LLI pays \$19.20 per member [384/20]

Members pay \$1.28 share of sales tax [25.60/20], total out of pocket

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### Scenario 5

20 members x \$20 (meal) = \$400 + 20% tip [80] = \$480

Sales tax = \$32 not included [400 x .08]

LLI pays \$20 per member [400/20]

Members pay \$4 share of tip [80/20] and \$1.60 share of tax [32/20], total \$5.60 per member out of pocket

### Scenario 6

20 members x \$28 (meal) = \$560 + 20% tip [112] = \$672

Sales tax = \$44.80 not included [560 x .08]

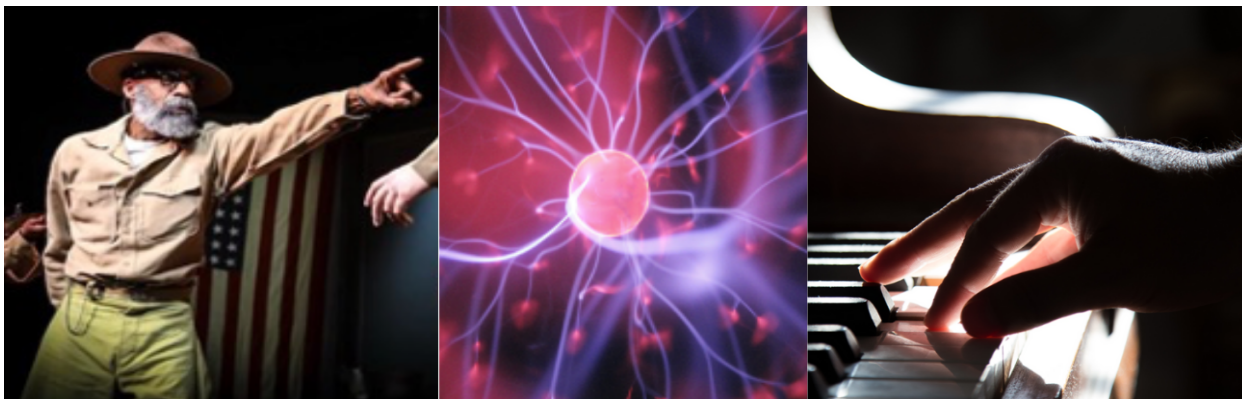
LLI pays \$20 per member [20 x 20 = 400]

Members pay a share of difference [160/20] \$8, share of tip [112/20] \$5.60 and a share of tax [44.80/20] \$2.24, total \$15.84 per member out of pocket.



## **Addendum 4**

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