



Council Minutes  
December 19, 2022  
9:30 - 10: 24 a.m.  
Via Zoom

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

**Council Members Absent:** Robert English, Michael Weinstock

#### **Call to Order**

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

#### **Approval of Minutes:**

Council unanimously approved the minutes from the meeting of November 21, 2022.

#### **Secretary's Report**

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

#### **Treasurer's report**

Jerry reported the expenses in November included \$1,530 for meal and catering and another \$74 for miscellaneous items, for a total of \$1,604.

Council previously approved increasing our donations to Bard to \$30,000. Early in December, \$23,000 was transferred internally. The money has not yet been transferred to the Seniors-to-Seniors fund.

#### **Volunteering**

Fourteen people have expressed interest in volunteering. Robert emphasized the need to follow up with them.

#### **Recordings**

DEI is interested in recording a brief interview with a presenter about a class to be included in a newsletter article. Barbara Danish has offered to undertake the interview. Our current policy prohibits recordings of classes but does not speak to the recording of interviews. In the past we have included several videos of interviews of volunteers and presenters in newsletters and on

the website interview. We probably don't need to write a policy about recording interviews for the newsletter or website as long as no copyrighted material is included.

We will need to think about a policy about recording webinars to consider both copyright and privacy issues. First, we can consider getting a webinar license and seeing how much we use it. An outstanding question is the degree to which audience participation is important to our members and how a webinar would affect that. The issue can be deferred until we want to host a webinar.

### **Attendance**

There are two new class managers, Joanne Goodman and Vickie Hoener. Class managers want to know why they should take attendance. Linda explained that Curriculum looks at the attendance figures and reviews them with the presenters.

There is an issue with handling people who register for restricted classes but don't show up and don't drop them. Class managers can contact those who don't show up and ask whether they are planning to continue the class. We can also put something on our website and in ProClass, asking people to only register for classes they can attend.

### **Curriculum**

Linda said that a fifth class period has been added to the spring semester to help deal with some of the crowding and parking issues. Curriculum is distributing large classes across all periods.

### **Website**

Carmela asked Council members to review the area of the website that describes their work and see whether it needs to be updated. Corrections can be sent to Carmela, Mary, and Susan Christoffersen.

### **Policies for Review**

Deborah read the following policy for Council consideration:

ORG 06/22. Admission to LLI is by lottery with three exceptions: applicants who were presenters in the previous academic year, applicants who are scheduled to present a course in the upcoming academic year, and applicants who have critical skills needed to run LLI and who qualify for and are committed to a specific task or priority.

After some discussion, Council agreed that spouses will not receive special consideration for admission. Given the crowding issues, we may need to reconsider the maximum number of LLI members. The policy stands.

Deborah then read the following policy:

ORG 04/17. The LLI Council meets on the third Monday of each month, unless that is a national holiday; in that case, the Council meets on the following day.

Jerry pointed out that the weeks before the Thanksgiving and Christmas holidays are often stressful and suggested Council consider an alternative meeting schedule. Members suggested reconsidering the policy next fall, before the holidays. For now, the policy stands.

Deborah noted that at the November meeting, we discussed revising the following policy:

LLI shall contribute to the Bard College program known as “Dean Stuart Stritzler - Levine Seniors-to-Seniors Scholarships.” The amount of the contribution shall be determined annually by Council based on the recommendation of the Finance committee.

Proposed rewrite is as follows:

LLI shall contribute to the LLI program known as “Dean Stuart Stritzler - Levine Seniors-to-Seniors Scholarships” to support senior students’ projects. The amount of the contribution shall be determined annually by Council based on the recommendation of the Finance committee.

Council approved the rewrite.

### **Adjournment**

President Robert Beaury adjourned the meeting at 10:24 a.m.

Respectfully submitted,  
Deborah Lanser  
Secretary