



Council Minutes  
October 21, 2024  
9:30am - 10:33am  
Via Zoom

**Council & Committee Members Present:**

Robert Beury, Lynda Christensen, Carmela Gersbeck, Robert English, Karen Kane, Mary McClellan, Susan Simon, Michael Weinstock, Eleanor Wieder

Guests: Deborah Lanser, Jill Lundquist

**Council & Committee Members Absent:** Kayla Bell, Carol, Goss, Cathy Reinis

**Call to Order**

President Robert Beury called the meeting to order at 9:30 am

**Approval of Minutes:** Motion to approve the minutes, Council Meeting September 16, 2024 by Michael, seconded by Carmela, all in favor

**Secretary Correspondence**

Susan reported:

- no postal mail received

**Treasurer's Report**

Karen reported:

- All (to date) allocated donations have been completed
- Conveyed that it sometimes takes up to 3 months for approved expenses to be paid

**Tech Training**

Carmela reported:

- 5 new session managers for Spring '25 semester

## Business

Mary:

- Fall Semester (review)
  - Classes went well, waiting for additional evaluations to be submitted
- WinterFest – four weeks starting on 1/18/25 - on LLI calendar
- Spring semester – seven weeks straight, 3/7 - 4/18/25 w/no break

Robert B.:

- Set date for a workshop to review budgeted amounts for food, refreshments, etc
  - Committee: Robert B., Carmela, Robert I., Karen (who will be the head of the committee) Jill, Susan, Eleanor
  - We will meet when Karen is ready

Robert I.:

- Holiday Party, Blithewood, December 5, 2024, 5-7pm
  - Discussed food & where it could be located to provide more space
  - We have tentative permission to have 100+ at the event
  - Discussed invitation tiers: 1. members are the priority, followed by 2. presenters (non-member, in the current school year), 3. staff, 4. plus ones
  - Suggested that members have to sign up by a certain date & then we can see how many spaces we have left for presenters & send out invites to them for response by a certain date and then determine if there are any add'l open spaces for other invites

Eleanor:

- P&E 25th Anniversary Celebration (update)
  - ❖ Deborah has been posting articles in the newsletter, Robert & Betty are meeting about the event, the banner is up
  - ❖ It will be a cocktail party - we still need to know the capacity for such an event at Spiegeltent

Robert B.:

- Donate remaining \$2,700 earmarked for Bard, to the donor match program
  - Proposes we donate the remaining \$2,700 (of the \$41,000 budgeted) to the Bard Donor Match Program, based on what Bard provides for LLI
  - Discussed and motion to approve the donation by Robert B, seconded by Michael, all in favor
  - Jill would like look into giving more funds go the the Joan Tower Fund (this fiscal year's contribution was \$1,750) based on what she continues to provide for LLI, when creating the next fiscal year contribution budget

- Appreciation for presenters discussion:
  - Yes! We should be doing “something” separately for the presenters
  - We used to do this prior to 2020
  - We need to look at our food & refreshment budget before we decide where, when, and how

Eleanor:

- Religious holidays & Bard’s calendar discussion:
  - This past fall semester there were classes on religious holiday
    - Looking back at past fall semesters this wasn’t an issue
  - Looking forward: in 2025, 2 holidays are on class days and in 2028 & 2031, 1 holiday is on a class day
    - Although our LLI policy is that we follow Bard’s calendar, we should have a further discussion about these holiday dates (inc. Good Friday) and consider them to be part of the LLI Bard calendar
    - What about the LLI students that do not practice the religion that are having their class canceled
    - To be fair to everyone, we should follow Bard’s calendar, or else we open the door to all holidays for possible class cancellations
    - It would make our scheduling very laborious
  - Let the presenter & LLI members know they can choose to have a class/go to a class on a religious holiday (see Policy ORG 09/21)
  - Everyone has a choice
  - We need to make everyone aware of the calendar
    - Presenters cannot make the decision to request for an extra class at the last minute
    - If a presenter chooses not to present on a holiday they need to do so before the semester begins
    - Presenters need to review the course proposal and make their requests clear
  - Should a presenter choose not to teach on a holiday, Council agrees to have a (new) line on the course proposal so the presenter can say (if) they are willing to teach an additional class after the semester end date
    - This is contingent on getting the classroom on that date
    - Zoom classes should not pose a problem

### **Existing Policies for Review**

- **PROG 01/13**  
No Changes

- **PROG 09/22**

- Discussed proposed revised policy, adding clarifications to paragraph 1 and eliminating paragraph 2
- Renamed to **ORG 10/24A**

Motion to approve revised policy: Carmela, seconded: Karen, 100% in favor  
Policy manual updated

- **ORG 12/21A**

- Continued September meeting discussion, made adjustment
- Renamed to **ORG 10/24B**

Motion to approve revised policy: Carmela, seconded: Karen, 100% in favor  
Policy manual updated

**Reports on File:**

Vice Presidents' reports	Mary McClellan, VP1
Curriculum Committee	Mary McClellan
Governance - Finance	N/A
Membership Development	Robert English
Program Support	Carmela Gerbeck
CCE Liaison Report	N/A
DEI/Social Justice Team	Barbara Danish & Laura Brown
Communications Team	No report

**Adjournment**

Motion to adjourn meeting by Susan, seconded by Lynda - all in favor  
Robert adjourned the meeting at 10:33am

Next LLI Council Meeting: December 16, 2024 @ 9:30am/Zoom

Submitted by,  
Susan Simon, Secretary