



Council Minutes
June 15, 2026
9:30am - 10:09am
Via Zoom

Council & Committee Members Present:

Robert Beaury, Carmela Gersbeck, Karen Kane, Collin Lovas, Jill Lundquist, Mary McClellan, Grace McKay, Chuck Mishaan, Susan Simon, L. Walker,, Eleanor Wieder
Guests: Nancy Horne, Alan Katz, Cathy Reinis, Marc Wieder

Council & Committee Members Absent: Kayla Bell, Michael Weinstock

Call to Order

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

Approval of Council Meeting Minutes: Motion to approve the minutes, Council Meeting April 20, 2026 by Mary, seconded by Carmela, All in favor

Approval of Annual Meeting (May 28, 2026) Minutes: Tabled until July Council meeting

Secretary Correspondence (not distributed)

Susan reported:

- No postal mail received, all emails received will continue to be forwarded as appropriate

Treasurer's Report

Karen reported:

- Budget spreadsheet reviewed
- Was able to move some funds from 2025-26 to the new 2026-27 budget

Tech Training

Carmela reported:

- No tech training currently scheduled

Business

Robert

- Thank you to departing Council member: Karen, Collin, Michael and Kayla
- Effective July 1st, teams under Program Support will report to VP1 until (a) a new Chair is appointed, (b) the bylaws are amended to reflect this change, or (c) Council agrees on another outcome.
 - This can be changed at any time
 - Option (b) is currently recommended
 - It is requested that we also create a Class Management team
- Motion to approve Carmela, as VP1, to oversee teams under Program Support by Collin, seconded by Eleanor, all in favor
- Motion to accept the results of the vote to approve the 2026-27 budget and annual meeting minutes from 2025.(Members voted on-line prior to the Annual Meeting) by Carmela, seconded by Eleanor, all in favor
- Motion to approve budget transfers from column H lines 23 (\$400), 24 (1,200), 25 (462), 49 (3,738) and 55 (500) to line 92, for a total of \$7,500, to be donated to the Bard Sanctuary Fund by Jill, seconded by Carmela, all in favor
- Motion to memorialize vote by email on May 11, 2026, to donate surplus funds (line 92) in the amount of \$7,500 to the Bard Student Sanctuary Fund. (Voted: 9 yes, 2 no vote, 1 abstain) by Mary, seconded by Lyn, all in favor

Carmela

- Renewals and applications (timeframe: June 1 - 21
- Status, to date
 - 267 renewed and admits as 6/15/26
 - 82 members have not yet renewed
 - Carmela will be sending them email reminders and they will also receive a reminder call. Mary, Eleanor, Alan, Jill, Robert & Grace have volunteered to make the calls

Collin & Lyn

- Member IDs, name tags/lanyards and parking passes
 - Membership Development members will hand out nametags
 - How to handle lost ID's - they will be/can be printed @ LLI on their system on-demand
 - Member ID's are generated by ProClass and there are many duplicate accounts. Carmela & Collin are meeting with ProClass to resolve this issue

Robert

- We received a request to pay for plants for two planters in front of Olin (cost \$500) to be considered from 2027 donations (Amy Parrella will be in touch in January)
 - We have never paid for any “outside” decor
 - Requesting we annually supply flowers & soil for the 2 planters in front of Olin Hall and are encouraging us to do so
 - Conversation
 - This is a change from where we usually put our LLI money
 - It seems like a high cost
 - No other money has even been donated to Bard grounds
 - Asking Amy for a detailed list of supplies & costs
 - Olin Hall is “our building”
 - Not voting on this today, research being done in preparation for our 2027-28 budget

Policies For Review

Susan

FIN 12/22A. 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. (*Was FIN 05/15-B, revised to FIN 12/22 in December, 22, then revised to 12/22A in February ‘25*)

- No changes

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.

- Discussion
 - Recommend we adjust to notify before semester begins
 - We admit new members based on our enrollment #'s, if they w/d after classes begins then it excludes someone from new membership
 - It's not about what we're paying, it's about being a member of an organization

Revised to FIN 12/21A. Members may withdraw from LLI membership and request a full refund of the annual membership fee by notifying the President, in writing, by August 1st.

- Motion to revise FIN 12/21 to FIN 12/21A by Eleanor, seconded by Carmela, all in favor

Reports on File:

Vice Presidents' reports
Curriculum Committee
Membership Development
Program Support
CCE Liaison Report
Civic Engagement Team
Communications Team

Grace McKay VP2
Mary McClellan
Lyn Walker
Carmela Gersbeck
Jill Lundquist

Adjournment

Motion to adjourn meeting by Carmela, seconded by Grace, all in favor

Robert adjourned the meeting at 10:13am

THANK YOU ROBERT FOR BEING OUR COUNCIL PRESIDENT!!

Next LLI Council Meeting: Monday, July 20, 2026 @ 9:30am/Zoom

Submitted by,
Susan Simon, Secretary