Lifetime Learning Institute CELEBRATING 25 YEARS IN COMMUNITY WITH Bard

Council Minutes
August 3, 2026
9:00am - 9:20am
Via Zoom

Council & Committee Members Present:
Carmela Gersbeck, Alan Katz, Jill Lundquist, Mary McClellan, Chuck Mishaan, Susan Simon, Eleanor Wieder, Marc Wieder Guests: Cathy Reinis
Council & Committee Members Absent: Grace McKay, L.Walker
Call to Order
President Alan Katz called the meeting to order at 9:00 am

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

Secretary Correspondence (not distributed)
Susan reported:

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

Treasurer's Report
Marc reported:

- No report for this meeting - June still needs to be finalized by Karen

Tech Training
Carmela reported:

- Nothing new to report

Business
Mary

- Fall Semester (Update)
    - Fall semester catalog in the process of being reviewed

Alan

- (Quick) discussion about in person meetings
    - Some Council members interested in having some meetings in person
    - Although Council has become “used to” Zoom meetings, other LLI committees do have in person meetings in addition to Zoom meetings
    - We used to invite 5 LLI members to our monthly in person meetings which was a great way to introduce members to the inner workings of LLI
    - Maybe we meet in person every other month or quarterly
    - Discussion to be continued at our September meeting

- Policies for review (See below)

Proposed Changes in red

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Motion to adopt ORG 4/23A by Mary, seconded by Jill, All in favor

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Motion to adopt ORG 10/23A by Jill, seconded by Eleanor, All in favor

Reports on File:

Vice Presidents' reports	Carmela Gersbeck VP1 and Grace McKay VP2
Treasurer's report	Marc Wieder
Curriculum Committee	Mary McClellan
Membership Development	L Walker
Program Support	Carmela Gersbeck
CCE Liaison Report	Jill Lundquist
Civic Engagement Team	
Communications Team	
Mentoring Team	Grace McKay

Adjournment
Motion to adjourn meeting by Carmela, seconded by Marc, all in favor
Alan adjourned the meeting at 9:20am

Next LLI Council Meeting: Tuesday, September 22, 2026 @ 9:00am/Zoom

Submitted by,
Susan Simon, Secretary