

## **Minutes**

### **OLLI Advisory Council Meeting February 6, 2019**

The meeting was called to order at the new OLLI office by Diana Mason at 1:00 P.M.

In attendance Council members: John Booth, Deborah Diehl, Branon Dunn, Diana Mason, Peggy Higgins , Max Morley , Patti Smith, J. B. Spalding, Stephanie Reinke.

#### Director's Report

Stephanie Reinke announced that the new OLLI office and member space is "up and running". Parking during the overlap of adjacent classes is posing a problem. OLLI has secured overflow parking across the street when needed and the staff is working to address the overlap parking problem now. Changing the class schedule to reduce the overlap is being considered for the Summer sessions.

An OLLI program presentation was made at Frisco Lakes. Reception was very positive. New members were signed up. Starting this summer, OLLI classes will move to the Frisco Senior Center (from UNT New College at Frisco site).

Our membership dropped 15% after the Fall semester. The nationwide OLLI average is about 20% drop at the end of each semester with membership returning as the new semester classes start. Our current membership is 613 but has already started to climb again.

Our Budget Officer resigned effective February 1 for family reasons. Interviewing for a replacement is already underway.

We will be hiring a full-time Administrative Associate. Renee Smith from Robson Ranch is expected to join the staff February 21, 2019. This will set our staffing level at five full-time employees. Our current student assistant will stay with us until she graduates in May.

Osher Institute no longer offers their 2nd \$1M endowments. They do offer Bridge Capacity Building Grants however. These grants are \$25,00/year. We have been invited to apply for one. Our application will be submitted by the December 2019 submission date and the approval cycle is about 2 months.

OLLI members will get a 15% discount at Mr. Chopstix when they show their badges.

#### Minutes

The minutes of the November 13 meeting were reviewed by council members and unanimously approved as posted.

## Financial Report

No financial report was presented as Jonathon Hall was not in attendance. Stephanie Reinke indicated that we running positive to budget.

## Standing Committee Reports

Communications and Marketing: Jonathan Hall was not in attendance and no presentation was made. The committee has not met since the last AC meeting.

Curriculum: Committee meets next week. Stephanie reported that a relatively low number of class proposals have been received so far for Summer classes.

Membership and Nominations: Committee met last week. Deadline for nominations is March 29. The committee is updating the current membership forms to reflect the new membership categories. Deborah Diehl reported that an email will be sent to current OLLI Ambassadors encouraging them to upgrade their volunteer level to committee or advisory council memberships.

## Geriatric Study Requests

Diana Mason expressed a concern that OLLI may become seen as an easy source of geriatric study participants. A motion to create an Ad Hoc committee to study this situation was made by John Booth and seconded by Deborah Diehl . John Booth agreed to chair the committee to investigate a policy regarding our involvement in these geriatric studies. His committee members will include: Stephanie Reinke, JB Spalding, Max Morley, and Patti Smith.

## Website Updates

Jordon Williams gave an excellent live tour of the current OLLI website highlighting recent changes. Changes have also been made to display Advisory Council membership and officer history.

## New Business/Other Business

Branon Dunn proposed that the weekly class reminder email contain a comment mentioning that members can still sign up for classes that are not waitlisted. Stephanie agreed to have the staff look into modifying the weekly email.

The meeting was adjourned at 2:30 P.M.

The next meeting of the OLLI Advisory Council will be April 10, 2019 at 2:00 P.M.

Prepared and submitted by Branon Dunn