

OLLI Special Interest Group, Day Trippers, Meeting

(Subcommittee of Curriculum Committee)

OLLI/UNT Office, 1716 Scripture Street, Denton

June 11, 2019

Present: Diana Mason, Raymond Pahler, Larry Wilson, Stephanie Reinke, Andrea Tuckness,
Diane Hoemeke

Absent: Rebecca Fridley, Lynn Milner

Diana called the meeting to order at 10:00 a.m.

OLLI Special Interest Groups day trips selected for fall, 2019, are:

- Sharkarosa Wildlife Ranch and Western Son Distillery—Pilot Point, September 14, 2019, by car
- Dallas World Aquarium—Dallas, October 14, 2019, A Train and DART rail
- Sam Rayburn House, Library, and Museum—Bonham, November 19, 2019, by car

Prior to making these day trip choices, discussion and comments included the following:

- This committee could survey OLLI at UNT members to get their suggestions for day trips; Stephanie suggested spring or early fall to survey.
- There is a need to consult with different bus companies (other than Premier) to see what their services and costs are if OLLI Day Trippers decide to hire a bus.
- The possibility of setting up an account of some sort to handle any day trip related to money collected by individuals on the committee was mentioned. Stephanie will check with UNT legal counsel to see what is involved.
- Diana inquired about setting up “the Square” on her personal phone to handle credit card transactions.
- Day Trippers need to be responsible for their own transportation and pay their own way.
- There is concern about those at Good Samaritan and/or senior centers who cannot drive their own vehicles and, therefore, would not be able to participate in day trips. Solution might be to carpool with someone or the facility might be able to provide a van.
- Stephanie offered to explore the possibility of overnight trips.

Ray asked if there are any policies regarding day trips. The response was “no”. However, as the meeting progressed, the following comments lent to suggested guidelines.

- The purpose of SIG is for members to come together outside the classroom. Day trips are not tour planned events but casual happenings.
- Keep the day trips simple, local, and self-driving.
- Stay as day trips, not overnights.
- Pick places with no up-front fees, if possible.
- Negotiate entrance fees for the group, whenever possible.

Other:

- Diana will contact the places selected for the fall day trips and will write descriptions and pertinent information to go into the fall OLLI at UNT catalog. Before submitting the information for the catalog, she will email these descriptions to each committee member for review.
- Jordan has photos that can accompany the descriptions in the catalog.
- OLLI at UNT office will help with emails and encourage increase interest in day trips.
- Stephanie thanked the committee for its work and effort.

Meeting adjourned at 11:20 a.m.

Next meeting is scheduled for Tuesday, September 10, 2019, at 11:00 a.m. at OLLI/UNT office.

Although not part of the minutes of this meeting, a post meeting email from Stephanie regarding Day Trippers and support from the OLLI at UNT office stated the following:

All Day Trippers events will be open to ALL OLLI at UNT members. They will NOT need to “join” the SIG separately. They will simply sign up for the day trips they want to attend. Jordan will create a Day Trippers section on the website (under the SIG umbrella) and it will list all of the trips for the semester and will allow members to sign up directly. Diana will be listed as the “instructor” for these events thus giving her access to the roster. On our side, we will promote the trips in the catalog, emails and perhaps flyers that can be hung at the satellites. Since Diana will have access to the roster of attendees, any emails that need to go out such as reminders or any changes can be sent directly from her.