

OLLI Curriculum Committee Meeting
OLLI/UNT Office, 1716 Scripture Street, Denton
March 8, 2019

Present: Diana Mason, Peggy Higgins, Karen Nelsen, Robert Jackson, Jim Goodnow, Stephen Booher,
Ron Fink, Diane Hoemeke, Stephanie Reinke, Andrea Tuckness

Absent: Sally Austin, Pat Cheek, Rebecca Fridley, Cleta Plunkett, Ellen Hawk

Karen called the meeting to order at 10:00 am.

Summer Proposed Classes (2019)

- Currently there are 121 proposed summer classes; increased number reflects classes at the satellite locations.
- More multi-session classes are being encouraged.
- Question was brought up as to how many people, who sign up for a class, actually attend. Andrea is working on compiling this additional information. Peggy suggested volunteer help to assist her.
- Stephanie thanked Andrea for her work on gathering and organizing the committee information.
- Interest in classes in Frisco has increased. May 11, there will be an information session there.
- In the fall, classes at Flower Mound will be on Mondays and Wednesdays.
- There is a \$1.00 charge per class in Flower Mound and \$2.00 charge per month in Frisco for OLLI members who are not members of these senior centers. Stephanie added that this policy is explained in the OLLI brochure. She also suggested OLLI members join Flower Mound Senior Center or join the Frisco Senior Center, for nominal fees, which would reduce OLLI annual tuition to \$75.00.
- There will be two After Five sessions scheduled this summer, one in June and one in July.
- The committee approved all proposed classes for the summer session. (Diana had previously contacted a presenter regarding an edit to the periodic table.)

Faculty/Presenters/Areas of Interest

- Stephanie strongly encouraged committee members to be more active in recruiting presenters via personal contacts, using the internet, talking to presenters they experienced from other organizations.
- Abstracts for fall are due by May 15.
- Evaluations are one means of obtaining suggested topics for future classes.
- Areas of topics, with possible contacts, suggested at this meeting include: law, genealogy, business, AI, engineering, sports, history.
- Stephanie selects programs for Lunch & Learn and the OLLI After Five sessions.

Evaluations

- The number of evaluations, after Stephanie sent an email, increased. She will continue to do this once a semester.
- Andrea will work on creating a cell phone shortcut to the evaluation site and reminders to members.

Classes of Interest

- Additional topics of potential interest mentioned are: brain science, historical information from cemeteries, series on DNA, health science, music, documentary presentation on Gainesville hangings.
- Those working on research for their PhDs are good presenters.
- Diana cautioned that, since presenters are not paid for their presentations, they may not want to teach more than one session.

Day Trips

- Jim listed, on a handout, proposed day trips from June, 2019 through April, 2021 adding that details have not been finalized on several excursions.
- Stephanie said that day trippers should not become dependent on OLLI to finance bus transportation.
- Stephen suggested getting a sponsor for OLLI bus trips; he will look into this.
- Other suggested day trips included: Ft. Worth Stockyards at Christmas, Fossil Rim and Dinosaur Valley State Park, Nuclear Plant at Glen Rose, an area winery/distillery, Flight Museum at Love Field.

Open Discussion

Collette Travel will do a presentation in April about the 2020 OLLI trips. More information will be sent by email.

If anyone has a contact for a class, please let Stephanie know.

Next possible meeting is scheduled for Friday, April 12, at 10:00am at OLLI office on Scripture. Confirmation or cancellation will be sent by email.