

OLLI Curriculum Committee Meeting
OLLI/UNT Office, 1716 Scripture Street, Denton
February 12, 2019

Present: Diana Mason, Pat Cheek, Peggy Higgins, Karen Nelsen, Ellen Hawk, Diane Hoemeke,
Stephanie Reinke, Andrea Tuckness

Absent: Sally Austin, Robert Jackson, Rebecca Fridley, Jim Goodnow, Cleta Plunkett,
Stephen Booher, Ron Fink

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

Day Trips:

The Ennis Blue Bonnet trip needs another 10-12 people in order for the bus cost to be covered. The per person fee is \$30.00; date of trip is April 13 with April 5 deadline to register. If the cost of the bus cannot be covered by the number of people going, OLLI will incur the difference. Jim, via Diana, suggested more advertising is needed.

Diana reported the rest of the trips are going well.

Peggy shared a brochure featuring Premier Bus Company which is used at Robson Ranch and which lists local trips for Robson residents. She suggested that OLLI might be interested in offering similar trips.

Day trips for summer, 2019 are:

- June—Denton Recycling Facility. Diana suggested adding a tour of Armadillo Ale Works.
- July—Monet: The Late Years Exhibition, Kimbell Art Museum in Ft. Worth

Stephanie will contact Jim for exact dates for the 2019 day trips so these can be included in the summer catalog.

Suggested day trips, via Jim. for fall, 2019 and spring 2020 are:

- September—State Fair of Texas
- October—Dallas Modern Art Museum and Nasher Sculpture Center
- November—Sam Rayburn Library in Bonham and Eisenhower birth place in Denison. Diana cautioned that these may be difficult to do in one trip.
- February—tour TWU campus
- March—Denton County Horse Farms
- May—Dallas Arboretum
- June—architecture tour of Gainesville

Future additional day trip possibilities include the Meadows Museum at SMU and the Bush Library, the Ft. Worth Zoo, and the Painted Churches.

SIG:

Book Clubs

Great Book Club and Twisted Book Club are doing well. Attendance is sometimes spotty and depends on who is in town. Ellen commented the Denton public library helps. Pat said attendance of her book club (women authors) also depends on who is in town. Frisco has organized a new book club.

Dinner Clubs

Stephanie suggested exploring interest in dinner clubs again. This would depend on someone assuming a leadership role to organize dates, times, places, and communication of pertinent information.

Stephanie added that there is a need for SIG ideas and appropriate leadership from OLLI membership.

Summer Classes:

Andrea said there is still room for a few more summer classes; deadline for submitting abstracts if February 15. Stephanie emailed deans and department chairs with some responses.

Peggy suggested day-long classes, perhaps 2-3 sessions, focusing on one specific topic.

Stephanie mentioned the possibility of getting a cooking class but the logistics are still being worked out.

Travel:

Stephanie reported that the trip to Cuba has 25-26 people going. There is very little interest in the other trips.

Stephanie met with a representative of Collette Travel to see what can be done to interest more OLLI members. It was decided that Collette would act as a consultant with Stephanie to choose three trips. Three possibilities for 2020 are Finland, Portugal, and New York City Christmas with Collette doing a slide presentation in April. By coordinating trips with Collette Travel, OLLI has, in the past, and may, in the future, receive a small reimbursement.

Open Discussion:

Diana said that if an abstract is accepted by the Curriculum Committee, then it can be taught on any of the OLLI locations.

Length of time between classes at UNT will change to allow better parking exchange between classes. This summer, one class will be taught in the morning, then lunch, and a second class in the afternoon.

Advisory Committee is seeking four new members. This committee addresses policy and procedures; it meets about four times a year.

The number of electronic evaluations is still low. Going back to paper evaluations is too costly in terms of materials and staff time.

March meeting is to approve the summer class selections. April meeting is scheduled for Friday, April 12 at 10:00 am.

Next meeting is scheduled for Friday, March 8, 2019 at 10:00 am.