

OLLI Curriculum Committee Minutes 1-14-10

Present Laurent Hodges, Shirley Shaw, Clair Keller, Don Lambert, JoAnn Brown, Jerilyn Logue, Carol Phillips, Sam Wormley, Doug Finnemore, Frank Rizzo, Bob Telleen, Larry Mitchell, and Bill LaGrange.

Absent Jan Breitman, Anita Beal, and Phyllis Crouse

Carol opened the meeting at 1:30 by inviting everyone to Jan Breitman's retirement party in the Ballroom, 2-5 pm Friday, Jan 15th.

Jerilyn reported that we have over 715 members before winter quarter registration is over and there was a brief discussion of ways to promote membership. She gave the number registered for each winter course and said that a second writing class had been opened with 11 students in it already. The Osher Endowment Request has been finished by the Foundation and sent off. The Osher \$25 K gift has no deadline for submission but ideas will be sent to the Board at the February meeting with the intent of getting it to the Foundation February 15th. We will probably purchase a separate Mac port for the projection of power point in the Ballroom.

There was a general discussion of the ideas that have already been submitted for the \$25K. Carol recommended a set of goals as a preamble to the submission of ideas. In the category of new ways to deliver courses, there was a long discussion of on line streaming of courses on the internet. Questions would probably be handled by e-mail. The idea would be to invest in the required capital items and get experience under the first Osher \$25 K initiative. If it goes smoothly, the downstream expense should be modest. Pitfalls were discussed. The Board will take up the issue in early February.

There was a discussion of the Osher Lectures and it was decided to continue the effort under Carol's leadership next Fall.

Grid Discussion

S10-16 The First Presidency by Clair will be 6 weeks not 8 weeks as shown. Otherwise the Spring 2010 Grid is complete and ready for the Board.

F10-1 Great Decisions is a go.

F10-2a, 2b, &2c Photography are all a go.

F10-3 Copernicus to the Big Bang is a go.

F10-4a Verdi Operas is a go

F10-4b Operatic production is under development by Shirley in cooperation with Micheal of Des Moines Metro Opera. A Shakespeare Course is in the thinking stage.

F10-5 Parliamentary Procedure by Jim Lohr is a go, Hodges will be shepherd.

F10-6 Women's Health Series will probably go but Phyllis was not present to discuss it.

F10-7 Culture-Belief-Behavior has lecturers lined up and looks like a go.

F10-8 Music behind the Scenes is a go.

F10-9 Great Questions by Frank is uncertain but a probable go
F10-10 course by Bill Boon will await a decision by Bill.
The computer and internet courses look like a go.

Possible future Courses

- 1) Lambert discussed a possible Forestry Course led by Paul Wray having both Iowa and Global components.
- 2) Shaw discussed a possible reader's theater course involving both plays and poetry.
- 3) Lambert discussed a possible DNA course including storage of DNA of current species as well as finding DNA of dinosaurs. In 2005 we gave a course entitled *DNA: Cloning and other genetic considerations*.
- 4) We discussed a course on Roberts' Rules of Order.
- 5) Telleen discussed in detail the Culture, Belief, and Behavior course
- 6) We discussed a course on Dreams with Robert Anderson..
- 7) Hodges discussed a possible course on Major Mysteries Solved by DNA.
- 8) Phillips discussed a need to give more courses for 50 to 65 year olds.
- 9) There was a discussion of evening classes.
- 10) There was a discussion of a 4 week course in one full day.