



<u>Class of 2021</u>	<u>Class of 2022</u>	<u>Class of 2023</u>
Lyn Gutierrez Irv Lubliner Bill Mansfield	Betsy Gentry Larry Hunter Elisabeth Zinser	Clark Custodio John Ferris Phyllis Fernlund

### Minutes

OLLI at SOU Council Meeting  
January 26, 2021, 3:30 p.m.  
Via Zoom

Present: Council Members – Clark Custodio, Phyllis Fernlund, John Ferris, Betsy Gentry, Larry Hunter, Irv Lubliner, Bill Mansfield, Elisabeth Zinser (Absent: Lyn Gutierrez). Committee Chairs and Director/Assistant Director – Rob Casserly, Wayne Davison, Cliff Edwards, Peggy Evans, Sandy Hansen, Rachel Jones, Sue Sorem, Susan Stitham, Lorraine Vail

1. Call to order – President – Larry Hunter. 3:30 p.m.
2. Adoption of the agenda—Larry Hunter. **m/s/p** (date of previous meeting changed to November 17)
3. Approval of minutes – Meeting of November 17 – **m/s/p**
4. Treasurer’s report – Irv Lubliner noted this report covers three months (Oct – Dec 2020). As of December 31 we were only 38 members shy of the budget projection for the year; as of January 22, 28 more members joined (and a few more since then) so we’re very close to the projection. As a result, member fees are 99% of projections. On the expense side, credit card fees are slightly high, but overall expenses are just about 50% of projections midway through the fiscal year. The operating fund balance is \$278,590, or 81% of expenses for this abnormal year. The Annual Fund balance is \$15,295, and Irv will include the Legacy Fund balance in future reports (Lorraine Vail noted it is approximately \$32,000).
5. Motions – On behalf of the Communications and Community Outreach Committee, Phyllis Fernlund **moved** to adopt the following policy: “A video to be placed on the OLLI at SOU

website must be approved by an OLLI committee chair for content, by the chair of the Communications and Community Outreach Committee that it conforms to our communication standards, and by the Assistant Director that it meets SOU policy and technical standards.” Since it is so easy to make and post videos, the Committee wants to proactively have a policy in place. The motion **passed** unanimously.

6. President’s remarks – Larry Hunter thanked staff and leadership for keeping OLLI running at full speed in these challenging times. He noted OLLI members have been very appreciative. Andrea Gay (chair of the Membership Services Committee) is moving to Austin, TX, but will continue as chair and then work with a co-chair/successor. Thanks, Andrea!

7. Discussion

John Ferris discussed the Strategic Plan. He noted that the focus this year has not been on the Plan, but asked Council members to familiarize themselves with the initiatives suggested in the Plan (especially initiatives for the Council and for committees for which each Council member is a liaison) and to contact John if any follow up is needed. A leadership training workshop will be scheduled for July, and he promises it will be “productive, tight, and short”. Committee chairs will be meeting with the three newer Council members during Leadership Development and Recruitment Committee mentoring meetings. Chairs will give informal reports on their key accomplishments from the 2020 Strategic Plan and any progress on the current Strategic Plan.

8. Committee reports

Communications and Community Outreach – The spring catalog is in production.

Curriculum – Susan Stitham summarized the three parts of their report. They are refining their ability to support instructors, particularly New to OLLI instructors, and “new to online” instructors. Instructors and students have been patient with technology issues, especially as something new seems to happen at every class meeting. She noted the Committee needs to know the format for next fall’s classes by mid-April.

Landscaping – Sandy Hansen said the gardens seem to be holding their own, but there has been no activity.

Leadership Development and Recruitment – Lorraine Vail reported announcements about the upcoming Team OLLI meeting were made in 43 classes. Thanks to all who helped! And thanks to all those who made personal contact with possible attendees – those contacts made a difference and they are hoping to have 30 or more people at the February 1 meeting.

Medford OLLI – Sue Sorem noted they continue to recruit instructors and Team OLLI participants.

Venue and Technology Planning – Cliff Edwards is working with the contractor to complete the bike rack canopy. The cost looks to be about \$6000, and there is money in the ReNEWall budget. The goal is to have it done by fall (when hopefully it can be used!).

9. Additional remarks

Rob Casserly reported that he and Larry Hunter are hosting a Zoom “Koffee Klatsch” February 1 for OLLI members to talk informally. He’s pleased that an Ashland Y staff member will be teaching a class in the spring. He noted that OLLI member Jean Miller recently passed away and that an SOU scholarship fund is being established in her memory. He is inspired by the gratitude of OLLI members.

Rachel Jones (welcome back from leave, Rachel!) thanked Larry, Rob, Paige and Pauline, and all the OLLI volunteers, for keeping OLLI going. She’ll try to get information as soon as possible from SOU as to whether they will be offering in person classes in the fall.

Elisabeth Zinser noted the Membership Services Committee will be offering social events in February and March. They’re hoping to find someone to facilitate an OLLI Book Group as a Shared Interest Group (SIG).

Larry Hunter and Lorraine Vail urged us all to “attend” the upcoming *Ashland Radio Show* presented by the OLLI Players and the Ashland Senior Center. They noted it’s ironic that “the improv group is doing a lot of rehearsals!”

Coming events:

- February 18, 6:30 p.m. – *The Ashland Radio Show*
- February 22 – Spring Catalog posted online
- February 22-March 5 – Spring course request lottery
- February 23, 3:30 p.m. – OLLI Council meeting
- March 22 – Spring open enrollment begins
- March 29 – Spring term begins

Adjourned at 4:35 p.m.