OSHER LIFELONG LEARNING INSTITUTE
UNIVERSITY OF WISCONSIN-MILWAUKEE

MINUTES OF THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS

Monday, June 4th, 2012


Meeting was called to order at 1:04 pm

1. MINUTES Filed as corrected
2. TREASURER’S REPORT None
3. COMMITTEE REPORTS
   a. MEMBERSHIP
      Lynn expressed frustration about her experience trying to register for summer classes; the system did not recognize her as a renewed member. Kim explained that renewals are currently in quarterly blocks, and some renewals were sent out mid-quarter. Kim has been working with the administrator of the data base to get this problem resolved. At the Board’s request, Kim will work on getting the renewal notices sent out the month before the quarter begins. Kim apologized to Lynn and others who were similarly affected.
   b. LEADERSHIP AND DEVELOPMENT
      Discussions on how to promote OSHER continue. Ideas include:
      . advertising in SENIOR magazine
      . having 50-Plus magazine delivered to Hefter Center
      . distributing OSHER flyers to retirement centers and libraries
      Recommended that each committee establish its own standing rules, using a template to be developed by the L and D committee.
      Continued to discuss the OSHER web page and the need for considerable updating to make it more effective.
      Recommended that the OSHER organization acknowledge the work of Finest at our annual meeting at the Milwaukee Yacht Club. Kathy will prepare a large poster board with his picture and description. Attendees will have the opportunity to sign the board as well as make a donation as a gesture of appreciation.
   c. PROGRAM
      . Open registration for the fall semester is scheduled for Tuesday, August 21st from 2:30 to 4:00 pm at the downtown campus. The area will be arranged to enhance sociability as people register.
      . Summer registration is going very well. The trip to the Chicago Botanical Garden is already over-subscribed, and will require a larger bus.
   d. SOCIAL
The May wine and cheese event at the Rozga home was a huge success, with approximately 75 attendees. The Board thanked Phil and Terry for their generous hospitality.

The annual meeting and luncheon at the Milwaukee Yacht Club is scheduled for Wednesday, June 13th. Registration is currently at 80. Phil Rozga will introduce our guest speaker, Sue Black, administrator of the Milwaukee County Park system.

OSHER will have a presence at Musical Mondays at Lake Park, on July 16th. Members are encouraged to come to this free event, and bring chairs, food and libations. Look for the tables with black and white balloons.

There are three new members of the Social Committee.

e. NEWSLETTER
   . The July/August edition of the OSHER Outlook is nearing completion.
   . There will be a nice two page spread on the Week of Learning trip to Washington, DC.
   . The SIG history article will be included, but due to space constraints, the article on the Golda Meir Library will be included at a later date.
   . The committee could use more members!
   . The deadline for the Sept/Oct OSHER Outlook is August 2nd.

4. PRESIDENT’S REPORT
   As outgoing president, David expressed his appreciation to the Board and spoke about how great these past three years have been. He made particular mention of the significant increase in membership (nearly double), and the development and adoption of a Comprehensive Strategic Plan.

5. KIM BECK
   . Met with the OSHER foundation in California
   . Indicated that average participation in classes has grown significantly
   . Discussed status of endowment
   . Attended a meeting to discuss space needs of OSHER
   . A tour of the Northwest Quadrant and the Alumni House are planned; interested Board members are welcome to join Kim
   . In response to a question about the availability of the student union, Kim stated that the Student Union is funded by student registration fees, and students have priority.

6. OLD BUSINESS
   Chris indicated that there are still hearing issues with some presenters; hopefully the Lavaliere mics will alleviate this problem.

7. NEW BUSINESS
   A question was raised about Jenny’s status with OSHER, given that the Public Ally position technically ends in June. Discussions are ongoing, including a farewell party for Jenny to acknowledge her significant contributions to the organization.

8. ADJOURNMENT
   Meeting was adjourned at 2:12 pm. Respectfully submitted, Mary E. Kelly, Secretary