

**Learning Unlimited  
Board of Directors Meeting  
Minutes  
November 8, 2016**

**Present:** Gerry Keating, Glenn Yaffee, John MacMillan, Audra Hudek, Ann McElhinney, John Page, Shirley Hartt

**Regrets:** John Bonsall, Loretta Fines, Roger Weaver

1. Call to order 12:30 pm
2. The minutes of the Oct. 18, 2016 meeting were approved as revised.
3. There was no business arising from the minutes
4. There was no correspondence received
- 5: Board of Directors' Meeting Schedule for the 2016-2017 year  
On the 2<sup>nd</sup> Tuesday of each month  
AGM date to be determined

**6. Treasurer's Report:**

John Page reviewed the statement of Revenue, Expenses, and Change in Net Asset as of October 31, 2016 and outlined the Financial Forecast for the year ended December 31, 2017

John reminded the board that funds were available for programme improvements.

As the Thursday lecture is not sold out it was suggested that we request John Bonsall to have the registration remain open to accommodate any further interest.

**7. Committee Reports:**

6.1 **Audio Visual** – The internet problems have been solved and work is continuing on solving the audio feedback problem

6.2 **Curriculum** - See Report

There was discussion on the need for Lecture titles to be descriptive and that when there is possible confusion regarding the content of a series some promotional announcements be made at the announcement time of the lectures.

The following possibilities for making full lecture outlines available were discussed :

- having outlines projected on the screen on the stage
- having limited laminated copies available on tables in the lobby
- having paper copies widely available

The decision was to rely on promotional announcements for the time being.

### 6.3 Registration – See report

#### **Proposed Motion**

1. That the rigid age 90 criteria for preregistration be replaced by an extension of pre-registration to all members who have attended LU for 25 years or longer plus those that we know are 90 or more but who have attended for less than 25 years.
2. That the pre-registration privilege be extended to all volunteers not just the social volunteers and that this pre-registration privilege be removed in future registrations if a person is absent for more than three meeting days of his or her committee.

#### **Discussion**

1. We often don't know when a member attains the age of 90 but we do know how long they have attended LU. There are 14 members who fall into this category, many of whom we know are also over 90. This change will simplify the current procedure and will add only a few to the list of eligible pre-registrants.
2. This would add 8 people to the 18 social volunteers who can already pre-register and would mean that all volunteers would enjoy the same privilege.
  - a. If both these changes are made, it would automatically extend the pre-registration privilege to the spouses and partners of all volunteers including board members and the 25 year plus members. Based on the experience over the past two or three years, the best estimate of how many people this would add is no more than about 20, especially as we insist that these spouses and partners, who are physically capable, must be prepared to arrive by 9:30 to act as door monitors. In total, these changes would probably increase the number of pre-registrants from the 19 in the latest registration to no more than about 50 or about 10% of all meeting registrants.
  - b. There is a concern that a person who is pre-registered may renege on their obligations. For example, by not attending a number of curriculum committee meetings or not being present for duties in the kitchen because of a winter break in Florida.

The Motion was discussed and an amendment was proposed to add "except in the case of extenuating circumstances" to the second paragraph. The amendment was approved and the original motion moved by Ann McElhinney and seconded by Lorretta Fines was passed as amended

#### **The passed motion:**

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6.4 **Social** - no report

6.5 **Third Age Network** – no report

6.6 The **Nominations** Committee was formed with the following members Loretta Fines, Gerry Keating, Glenn Yaffee and Roger Weaver with John Page as an alternative.

**8. New Business:**

- Gerry advised that he spoke to Lisa Heise of Fairfield regarding the availability of a room for a video link for the lectures and she advised that there was no space available.

- the proposed new By-laws were reviewed to Item 13 c and some changes were made

**9. Next Meeting:** December 13, 2016

**10. Adjournment** 2:00 pm

Approved: . . December 13, 2016. . . . .

Secretary: . . Ann McElhinney. . . . . President: . . Gerry Keating . . . . .

**REPORTS**

**Registration Report**

As you know, the fall 2016 registration was a success. All the Tuesday spaces were taken before 10:30 on the first regular registration day on Friday September 23. Registration for the Wednesday lectures was filled on Friday October 21. We still have 23 spaces on Thursday and may continue to fill a few more spaces. Under our rules, members who have not attended a lecture series in the previous four sessions are automatically deleted from our membership list and must start again as a new registrant if they want to return. This time 54 members fell into this category and automatically became former members. Of this number 10 had only attended once, 23 had attended for 5 years or less and only 18 had attended for 10 or more years.

On the plus side we gained 68 new members for a net increase of 14 in our membership which now stands at 689.

Registration for the winter 2017 lectures will take place as follows:

- Pre-registration 10:00 AM Monday November 21 to 05:00 PM Wednesday November 23.
- Existing member registration Friday November 25 from 10:00 AM until 05:00 PM
- Registration for additional courses for existing members and new member registration Friday December 2 at 10:00 AM until further notice.
- Course outlines were posted on the website and at Fairfield on Friday November 4.

John Bonsall – Registrar

## **Report of the Curriculum Committee**

The Committee met on Nov. 3.

The current courses are going well, with positive feedback from the members.

The outlines for the Winter courses are now posted on the website.

The Committee is exploring several topics for the Winter of 2018 including the brain, architecture, cinema, and great rivers of the world.

There was a consensus that the number of Committee members should be between 8 and 10. The concern was that with a maximum of 8 members the number could be too small if 1 or 2 members had to leave the Committee.

Shirley Hartt, Chair