

Learning Unlimited
Board of Directors Meeting
Minutes
December 13, 2016

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

Regrets: Roger Weaver

1. Call to order 12:35 pm

2. Approval of minutes of the Board meeting of November 8, 2016

Moved by John Page

Seconded by John MacMillan

Approved.

3. Business arising from the minutes: None

4. Correspondence: None

5: B.O.D. Meeting Schedule for the 2016-2017 year

On the 2nd Tuesday of each month

The AGM will be held on Tuesday, March 21, 2016 at 10:00

6. Treasurer's Report:

Financial report attached

- John Page plans to have the Year End financial statements by the January Meeting
- John Parsonage intends to retire as reviewer of the financial statements after the 2016 AGM
- John Page will seek a replacement and advised the task takes approximately 30 hours.

7. Committee Reports:

7.1 Audio Visual – Report attached

- The suggested solutions to the sound problem on Tuesdays included replacing the unstable podium and purchasing one new microphone as a test before purchasing three more.
- It was decided to purchase: a new podium, which would become the property of Fairfield, one new 600 band microphone and a new carpet to cover the wires on the floor.
- More help is needed on the A/V committee which should be sought for the Fall as there is a several-month learning curve.
- Gerry knows of a possible candidate and will follow up.

7.2 Curriculum – Report Attached

7.3 Registration – Report attached

- It was decided to remove unused email addresses from the website

7.4 Social

- The new method of ordering cookies 12 boxes at a time is successful
- there are sufficient volunteers for Tuesday and Wednesday, however more are needed for Thursday
- John Bonsall will send an email to Thursday registrants indicating that the availability of refreshments depends on volunteers

7.5 Third Age Network – Report attached

- The TAN newsletter will be put on the LU website
- The newsletter contains information on the symposium to be held on the Aging Brain on May 17, 2017. LU board members are invited to attend.

7.6 Nominations Committee

- Loretta will draft an email to be sent regarding volunteer positions to be filled.
- The information will be on the website and also on the screen in the auditorium.

8. New Business:

- Hard copies of lecture series information will be laminated and placed on tables in the hall.
- Gerry will continue to work on a standardized format for job descriptions for the new member package.
- A review of the By-laws resulted in a decision to keep electronic and hard copies of the minutes of the board meetings and the AGM for 7 years and to compile an electronic file of the past 20 years of lecture topics for the use of the curriculum committee
- Ann will seek sample privacy policy clauses for possible inclusion in the By-laws
- John Bonsall will send out the By-law document with the revisions for review.

9. Next Meeting: January 10, 2017

10. Adjourned: 1:55 pm

Approved:

Secretary:

President:

REPORTS

CURRICULUM COMMITTEE

The committee met on November 8.

There were many positive comments from LU members about the fall courses.

The presenters for those courses could be invited to give a future series.

The researchers for the fall 2017 courses were asked to provide brief summaries of the courses for the website.

The courses are:

The Soviet Experiment Julya Zarankin (Loretta Fines)

Great Concertos: Studies in Contrast Rick Phillips (Pam Guy)

Art and Politics Ken Carpenter (Jo Ann Wilton)

Confirmed courses for winter 2018:

Wed. Resources of the Great Rivers of the World Dr. Philip Wood (Pam Guy)

Thurs. Architecture: Now I Get It! Marta O'Brien (Loretta Fines)

Shirley Hartt will contact Dr. Jonathan Salem-Wiseman regarding a course for Tuesdays, "Who Are We? Human Nature in the Western Tradition." Dr. Wiseman is a professor of philosophy at Humber College. There were suggestions for other courses if Prof. Salem-Wiseman is unavailable.

There were several suggestions for future series, including "The Armchair Traveller: Exploring the World Through Great Writers," Comedy, and a course by David Olive, topic to be determined.

The Committee discussed ways of recruiting and assisting new members. It was agreed to describe the Committee's work and needs during the third week of the winter session, just before the coffee break each day.

Submitted by Shirley Hartt, Chair

THIRD AGE NETWORK

A short report of activities at LU was forwarded to TAN for inclusion in their newsletter.

A copy of the newsletter was received and has been forwarded to board members.

No other activity.

AUDIO-VISUAL

All through the fall, the computer and projector were functioning better than ever. The microphones, however, were picking up noise, particularly on Tuesdays. We tried a number of methods to reduce the noise, with no consistent result.

One remedy which did work was to use a wired microphone for the speaker. However, the speaker felt restricted by this arrangement and requested a return to the wireless microphones.

Audio Connections, which sold us the equipment explained that when we bought the wireless microphones, they were "state of the art". However, in 2014, after our purchase, the 700 MH spectrum was sold to Bell and Rogers, who are using it more and more due to the high demand from smart phones for telephone and data connectivity. Our wireless microphones use this 700 spectrum, so as the demand on these frequencies grows, we have experienced a more difficult time with reception.

We are also advised that our existing equipment can't simply be changed to the 600 band, which is what we would have if buying today.

One possibility we are exploring is to replace one of the wireless microphones, to see what difference this makes. This would be costly, as it requires a microphone and a receiver, and would cost about \$600.

We are thankful for our volunteers, who have been so reliable and such a resource in managing the needs of the program.

REGISTRAR'S REPORT

As you know, the winter 2017 registration was a success. All the Wednesday spaces were taken before 10:30 on the first regular registration day on Friday November 25. Registration for the Tuesday lectures is now full and we have only 19 spaces remaining on Thursday. Registration is still open and will remain so for the time being.

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, 20 members appear fall into this category and will automatically become former members when registration closes. This number includes Isabel Orr, who is our longest serving member having been a member since 1979, which is only a year after LU was formed. She was offered pre-registration but did not take advantage of the offer. Her friend Jean Oke (1981) with whom she was often registered has registered this time. On the plus side we have already gained 44 new members. Assuming that these figures don't change much our current membership will be about 715.

Registration for the fall 2017 lectures will take place September/October 2017. At the October meeting, I raised the issue of the use being made of our LU emails of which there are 6 as follows:

- audio-visual@learningunlimiteddetobicoke.com
- curriculum@learningunlimiteddetobicoke.com
- president@learningunlimiteddetobicoke.com
- registrar@learningunlimiteddetobicoke.com
- treasurer@learningunlimiteddetobicoke.com
- webmaster@learningunlimiteddetobicoke.com

The last three are definitely in use and if the others are not being monitored by anyone we should probably delete them from the website. They will still be available for future use if required.

Registrar