Learning Unlimited Board of Directors Meeting October 16th, 2018

Revision

PRESENT: Glenn Yaffee, John MacMillan, Audra Hudek, John Bonsall, Roger Weaver, John Page, Shirley Hartt, Gerry Keating, Yash Sthankiya

Regrets: Deb Forsyth-Petrov, Ann McElhinney

1. Call to order: 12:25 PM

- 2. Approval of the Minutes: Ann suggested via email that the approval of the minutes of March 13th, 2018 and March 20th (post-AGM) be put over to the next meeting.
- 3. Business arising from the minutes: none
- 4. Correspondence: none
- 5. Treasurer's Report:
- 6. Committee Reports:
 - a. Audio Visual none
 - b. Curriculum:

Shirley Hartt reported that one of our long term speakers, Kevin Courier, passed away on October 12. Kevin was a special person as well as a terrific speaker and he will be missed.

The Curriculum committee met on Oct 4. The resignations of two members, Vane Plesse and Valerie Zentins, were accepted and the committee thanks them for their contribution.

The committee now stands at seven members, Deb Forsyth-Petrov and Judy McCormick have expressed interest in joining the committee and will attend the next meeting to learn more about the operation.

The committee will continue to seek additional members and an announcement will be made at upcoming lectures concerning this need.

UPCOMING PROGRAMS

Winter 2019

Tuesday The Medieval Present - Tim Nau Wednesday A World of Crime - Helen Nelson

Thursday Introduction to Folk Music – Mike Daley

Fall 2019

Tuesday Law and Medicine - Eric Gertner

Wednesday Humanity Challenged in War & Peace – Bob Douglas

Thursday Understanding Modern Art - Ken Carpenter

c. Registrar's Report

The fall 2018 registration was a success and the website performed without a hitch. On Monday and Tuesday September 24 and 25, 49 eligible pre-registrants were registered. On Wednesday and Thursday, registration was open to all existing members and in the first 15 minutes on Wednesday, 344 members registered and all the Tuesday spaces were taken. By the end of the first day of general registration, both the Tuesday and Thursday lectures were full and 83 spaces had been taken on Wednesday.

Wednesday spaces continued to fill on Thursday and on Friday when new members were eligible to register.

Registration remains open and at the time of writing 39 spaces remained for the Wednesday series despite a special email on October 4 to all members telling them that spaces were available and to encourage their friends to join LU. To date, 32 new members have joined LU and the membership of 45 members expired. We now have 680 members but the emails of 6 members bounced and a follow up phone call could not be made because the phone number was no longer in service.

As well as managing the registration process and ongoing administration, the Registration Committee also completed the following tasks in September and the first half of October.

- Emailed reminder notice to all members and investigated bounce backs.
- Set up pre-registration list on website and responded to registration enquires.
- Created lecture badges and arranged for printing
- Selected door monitors (see below).
- Emailed all lecture attendees to remind them of the lecture start procedures.

Door Monitors

As Registrar, I spend a lot of time organizing and managing the door monitors. Under the current arrangements anybody who is pre-registered as a volunteer or board member partner has to agree to be a door monitor. There are fewer and fewer people in this category and many of those that are, are not exactly enthusiastic about this obligation. The result is a lot of work for the Registrar. To fix this problem, I would like to create two volunteer positions for each of the lecture series. The 6 positions would be entitled to be pre-registered like all other volunteers. Their commitment would amount to a minimum of 2 hours per month which is more than board members normally spend in attending board meetings! I floated the idea to all members in an email last month and received 24 responses from members who were prepared to volunteer on this basis. Six of these people have agreed to be door monitors for the Fall 2018 lectures even though they were not pre-registered.

Recommendation: That six volunteer positions with pre-registration privileges be created to cover door monitor duties.

Registrar

The Recommendation was approved unanimously

7. Third Age Network: no report

8. Nominations Committee: no report

9. New Business: none

10. Next meeting: November 13, 2018

11. Adjourned: 1:07 pm

APPROVED NOV 13/18 ...

PRESIDENT ROLL CALLED ... SECRETARY MESSAGE ...