

**Lifetime Learning Institute at SUNY New Paltz**  
**Annual Meeting Minutes**  
**May 17, 2022**  
**Via Zoom Videoconference**  
**9:00 AM**

**Present:** 17 members. By the end of the meeting, there were 18 attendees. The meeting was called to order at 9:13 AM, following a social time.

**Opening Remarks:** Jessica Rothman, President

It has been an unprecedented couple of years. Jessica thanked the Council members and presenters for their work. The theme of her remarks last year was resilience, and LLI has certainly lived up to that goal.

She asked for comments regarding the minutes of the 2021 Annual Meeting, which were posted on LLI's website. A motion to accept the minutes was made, seconded and carried unanimously.

**Treasurer's Report:** Faith Nichols

See March 2022 Budget attached to these minutes.

**Proposed Slate of Officers and Elected Council Members for 2022-2023**

Jean Poirier has retired as Registrar and Jessica thanked her for all her hard work on behalf of Lifetime Learning Institute. We have found and hired a new Registrar, Michelle Doyle, who has hit the ground running.

Thanks to Mary Hilley for all her untiring work. Mary will be leaving the Council but will continue with her committee responsibilities. We have been fortunate in this challenging time to be able to offer both in-person and Zoom classes, as well as a brand new Winter Session, thanks to Carole Heyl. The Winter Session is planned to continue next year. We hope to be able to continue with in-person classes such as Tap Dancing.

Although members will be able to access the catalog on the website, a limited edition of printed catalogs will be distributed at various locations. The first week of August, LLI will be at both local supermarkets publicizing LLI, which we have had in the past. Volunteers to man the tables are needed and welcome.

Margaret Armento-McDowell, the Events committee chair, is planning the next two brunches. They will be a talk about the D&H Canal Museum, and a Medicare discussion.

Jessica announced the new fee structure for LLI registration. Anyone, new members or returning members, may join for \$120.00 for a full year of classes, or \$75.00 for just the fall or spring semester.

Thanking officers and standing committee chairs, Jessica recognized Janet Philips as Secretary, Faith Nichols as Treasurer, Marilou Abramshe as chair of Curriculum and Classroom Management Committees, Carole Heyl as chair of the Catalog and Public Relations Committees (along with Linda Lee Lane), Helen Kane as chair of Classroom Hosts, Marny Janson as Membership chair, Margaret Armento-McDowell as Events Committee chair, Alma Sloan as Volunteers Committee chair, Phyllis Sturm as chair of Social Media, and Alma Sloan, Theo Pappas and Faith Nichols on the Nominating Committee, which recruited Jerry O'Shea for the position of Vice-President.

Jessica introduced Jerry, who spoke briefly to note that he is happy to be onboard and hopes to help LLI. He is very familiar with New Paltz, having attended college here in the mid-70's. He has returned frequently over the years with his family to enjoy hiking and cycling both at Mohonk and Minnewaska. He discovered LLI online and signed up for a class; he then became interested in being more involved in the organization. Jo Gangemi inquired as to how he can be Vice-President if he does not reside in New Paltz; however, that is not a requirement for the position, as neither Marilou or Mary live in New Paltz and both have been Presidents. Moreover, Jerry noted that he would attend all Council meetings.

Margaret interjected that she welcomes ideas for upcoming events.

Jessica thanked LLI for the opportunity to be President for the second time. She sees a great future for the organization and will be happy to get back into the classroom, even though she will no longer be an officer or Council member. She then introduced Theo Pappas as the 2022-2023 President of LLI.

### **Remarks by New President:**

Theo is very excited to be the incoming President. She moved to New Paltz from NYC four years ago. She is a graphic designer and former member of the Board of

her co-op. Upon discovering LLI, she was surprised and happy to see the work and dedication of the LLI Council in such difficult times. She plans to work to promote both LLI as a whole, and form friendships within it. Theo mentioned that Jerry has contacted people at the Mohonk Preserve about programs that might be of interest to LLI. He said he spoke with Kevin Case, President of Mohonk Preserve, about the variety of recreational activities available. A day pass is \$15.00 to access the property but there are two programs offering free passes. One is the Library Lending Program, which offers passes at many libraries within 30 miles of the Preserve. The other is the Healthy Ulster Program, in which a limited number of six-week passes may be obtained at the Visitors' Center beginning June 1<sup>st</sup>.

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Theo asked to have the Registrar send an email to the membership, describing the programs being offered by the Preserve. Links to the programs will be in the email.

Myra Sorin inquired about Jerry's professional background, to which he responded was 32 years as an executive at Madison Square Garden.

Arlene Wilhelm expressed her thanks to everyone on the Council as well as the presenters for their work. She commented that since she lives in Hyde Park, Zoom classes that kept her connected, were a lifesaver for her.

Eli Aizer asked about the recruitment and selection process for officers and committee chairs. It was explained that there was a nominating committee to search for the Vice-President, and then present that candidate to the Council. The membership then votes on that person at the annual meeting. The committee heads are volunteers, and the President selects and appoints them. Theo asked for a vote to have Jerry O'Shea serve as Vice-President for 2022-2023. A motion was made, seconded and unanimously carried.

Gail Gallerie commented that she tried to send messages to the Council through Jean about recruiting officers, and knows it is a struggle to find candidates. She suggested emails to the membership be sent out asking for volunteers. Discussion ensued about Marilou's ending tenure as chair of the Curriculum Committee. Marilou noted that she has done the job since 2011 and it was time for someone else to take over. She will still be head of the Classroom Management Committee. Myra thanked Marilou for her years of service to LLI, since without the Curriculum Committee, there would be no LLI. Jessica remarked that with all Marilou's contacts, she will continue to be successful as Classroom Manager.

Motion to adjourn was made, seconded and carried. The meeting was adjourned at 9:46 AM.

Respectfully submitted,

*Janet Philips*

Secretary

## Addendum Budget a/o March 2022

Proposed Budget	Budgeted income	2021/2022	Fiscal Year
Memberships			
Miscellaneous Revenue			
Donations			
Badge Replacements			

Total Income

Expenditures	Budgeted Expenditures 2021/2022	
Rent		\$1,500
Administrative Support (AA)		\$2,500
Insurance		\$1,600
Volunteer Recognition		\$1,000
Scholarship		
New Badges		
Copying, Printing (Catalog) & Supplies		\$300
Postage		\$500
Post Office Box		\$130
Storage Unit		\$1,872
Public Relations Advertisement		\$400
Annual Meeting		\$300
Registrar Salary		\$5,000
Miscellaneous Expenses ZOOM		\$500
Flowers		

	Budgeted /2022	Actual	Paid
Proposed Budget	income 2021/2022	INCOME YEAR TO	Members
	Fiscal Year	DATE	
Memberships	\$1,710.00	\$12,855.00	
Miscellaneous Revenue			
Donations			

Badge  
Replacements

Total Income                      \$1,710.00    \$14,565.00

Expenditures	Budgeted Expenditures 2021/2022	Monthly Expenditures	YTD Expenditures
Rent	\$1,500.00	\$475.00	\$475.00
Administrative Support (AA)	\$2,500.00	\$265.00	\$1,505.00
Insurance	\$1,600.00		\$1,629.00 Philly & Selective
Volunteer Recognition Scholarship	\$1,000.00		
New Badges		\$50.00	\$50.00
Copying, Printing (Catalog) & Supplies	\$300.00		\$65.00
Postage	\$500.00	\$71.00	\$262.00
Post Office Box	\$130.00	\$232.00	\$232.00
Storage Unit Public	\$1,872.00	\$174.00	\$1,440.00
Relations Advertisement Annual Meeting	\$400.00		
Registrar	\$5,000.00	\$617.00	\$3,510.00
Salary Miscellaneous Expenses	\$500.00	\$30.00	\$360.00
ZOOM			
Flowers		\$119.00	\$119.00



