

Institute for Continued Learning
Advisory Board Meeting

Monday, March 12, 2007

President Bob Allen called the meeting to order at 1:00 PM in room 317.

Present: Bob Allen, David Sullivan, Betty Morley, Tom Dooley, Sue Harty, Terri Collins, Ken Bobbe, John Wiese, Marilyn Lind, Marge Olszewski, Dorothy Murphy, Mike Thompson, Don Carlson, Lois Nissen, Karl Gabby.

Not present: Joe Maladra, Mary Crisanti, Peter Marron, Margo Temple, Cathy Jensen and Mary Fioretti.

Comments from the Chair President Bob Allen presented general comments.

- Reminder to all members to get RU car stickers and ICL student card update. (Sully will include this reminder in the first Study Group announcements.)
- Archive project. Bob is beginning to gather information from study groups to preserve for future reference and use. The Roosevelt librarian has advised not to rely on paper files, but to archive study group information on computer files. Flash drives, CDs, scanned documents are the tools of preserving information from study groups for future use by coordinators. Once converted to computer files, these files can also be preserved on the RU network system.
- Invitation to the ICL Board from the President. Bob Allen has issued an invitation to the board for a “Spring Into Spring” social gathering at his home on Saturday, March 31 at 3 PM. This is to be a pot luck event – salads, main course, bread, vegetable, dessert - members should call Dorothy Murphy and indicate what they intend to bring. Board members are encouraged to bring one guest - a spouse or special friend or complete stranger.
- Multi-racial Conference. RU is organizing an event downtown on June 21 – 24. This is a conference on the theme of the next 40 years of multi racial communities, based on the Loving vs. Virginia Supreme Court decision of 1967. Bob will look into what role ICLers might play in this event.
- Nominating Committee. In accordance with the ICL by-laws, President Allen announced the nominating committee of 2007 will be chaired once again by Lois Nissen. The other four committee members will be contacted in the next week and the full committee will then be announced.
- Communication. One winter lecture was cancelled, due to weather. This event prompted investigation of systems or plans to send out information,

especially cancellation of events. Under study are the phone system, how to sent messages, the possibility of a virtual phone number and an ICL mailbox.

Members will be assured that their e-mails will not be communicated to others without their agreement.

- Bob brought up the challenge of spending funds without an updated agreement as to the strategic direction of ICL. It was agreed that a strategic planning process will be implemented over the next several months.
- RU is beginning to develop its Schaumburg site as a more full service campus with the possibility of student dorms. An potential option is to include apartments for use by senior citizens. Board members were asked to e-mail Bob regarding this idea. Some possible issues include cost, accommodations and intra-structure.
- Bob distributed copies of current ICL by-laws.
- ICL Calendar. Bob thanked Mike Thompson and Mary Fioretti for progress on this project. David Sullivan offered to work with Mary to edit the calendar and assure that it is complete and accurate. ICL members will be urged to consult the calendar on our web site.

Minutes It was moved by Mike Thompson and seconded by David Sullivan to approve minutes of the February meeting. Board voted to approve.

Reports.

Field Trips. Marilyn Lind reported that the next ICL field trip will be to the performance of “The Mystery of Edwin Drood.” at the RU campus downtown.

Another trip is being planned for possibly May 18 to the Rhodes Outback Research Farm. This is a windmill farm operated by Elmer and Pearl Rhodes on a farm in the vicinity of Mendota and Steward IL. Lunch will be in DeKalb followed by a stop at the Elwood House. Estimated cost is \$30 per person.

Marilyn reported a long list of possibilities for future trips.

London Trip Bob reported that a preliminary meeting of the committee has been held. They are looking into the proposed ICL trip to London in June 2008. Each committee member, using a list of criteria, will consult with at least two travel groups for specific proposals.

Service Since Mary has been out sick, there appears to be some confusion about the next general mailing. No members present, including the Service Committee, were aware of any items that need to be mailed at this time. This being the case, the scheduled

mailing will be cancelled. It is very costly to do a mailing and should only be done if there are a number of pieces that need to be sent to all members and no other approach will work. If a general mailing is need, members should contact Bob to indicate items and when there are enough to justify a general mailing, it will be done.

Study group confirmations will go out this week to members.

Member Services Peter was on vacation, but had sent a committee report prior to the meeting. Bob will consult with Peter regarding a new membership directory, as well as sending updates on member information to the office where members go for ID cards.

Program Development Ken had nothing to add to his report, except to note that improvement is needed to coordinate attendance at “Taste” with actually signing up to join ICL and register for study groups. Some new members may have been charged the \$5 fee non members pay for the lecture even though they were joining ICL.

Bob will work with Peter on a proposed study group utilizing the Socratic method.

Marketing John reported that an ad for “Taste” ran on the wrong day due to an error attributed to RU downtown. ICL plans not to pay for this ad. The ICL shirts will use the existing logo. The Regional conference committee will be making phone calls to ICL type groups in the effort to secure additional presenters before deciding on the final brochure. The committee will conduct surveys during spring study groups.

The current “go-no go” date for the conference is June 1.

Special Events. Margo’s report indicated this is a down time until we get closer to the Annual Meeting, Jane Austen Day and the Humanities Seminar.

Web Site Mike reported the ICL by-laws are now on the website. In response to a question, he stated that the list of ICL DVD holdings may have been “lost in the rebuild,” and would be back up soon.

Golf Outing. Scheduled for August 10 on the ICL calendar, this event has no current chair.

Humanities/ Lunch with Professors/ Jane Austen. These are all ongoing. “Lunch with the Professors” has had low sign up so far.

Sharing Talents/ New Deal Service Day Karl submitted a detailed report prior to the meeting. Discussion centered on the ICL relationship with Friendship Village. The board agreed that while ICL members are free to provide service to any of the suggested sites, our primary focus will continue to be Friendship Village.

Lecture Series The series has been extremely successful with large attendance. Tom corrected his report to indicate that the lecture to make up for the one cancelled due to weather will be planned for June 6.

Plato's Place/ Lighter Side Plato's Place continues its success and Lighter Side is returning with an Irish themed program on March 22.

Finance/ Wish List/ ICL Fund/ ICL Information System Prior to the board meeting Don Carlson presented two pages of detailed reports covering all these committees. Bob Allen stressed the importance of developing a Strategic Vision for ICL to guide ICL fund spending. The board meeting ended with an impressive presentation by Don of the ICL Information Management system, purchased by the ICL fund and now in place. Eventually selected ICL members will be trained in using and maintaining this data base system which is capable of streamlining and enhancing basic ICL operations.

New Business There was no new business.

Next Advisory Board Meeting will be April 9, 2007

Meeting was adjourned by President Bob Allen at 3:05 PM

Respectfully submitted:

Betty Morley, ICL Secretary