ICLRU Board Meeting
Agenda – November 16, 2015
10 AM - Rm. 705

Present:  John Wiese, Sue Harty, Sue Masterson, Les Miller, and Andrea Zietlow
Absent:  Joan Brody, Cathy Jensen, Selwyn Schwartz, and Steve Wolf
Guest:  Henrietta Leary, Bob Masterson, and LaRaye Rodriguez

1.  John Wiese called the meeting to order and confirmed the quorum.

2.  During the review of the October minutes it was noted that Bob Masterson will include in a future Update that it would be helpful but not mandatory if members could pay renewals and events by check rather than credit card because credit card processing fees continue to rise.

3.  Andrea Zietlow moved to approve the October minutes.  2nd by Sue Harty, and the motion carried.

4.  The board planned the format and communication for a meeting on new book clubs, December 1 at 10 AM for members who are interested.  Andrea Zietlow drafted an announcement and questionnaire for interested members.  Andrea will provide the final content of the announcement to Bob.

ICLRU may link up with a local library on the ‘One Book’ concept.  Andrea Zietlow will form a committee of a few knowledgeable members and report back.

5.  John Wiese proposed to Mariola Krupa that a Health Screening be held on January 29, in conjunction with a lecture by RU President, Dr. Ali Malekzadeh.  Alternatively, it might be combined with an afternoon health seminar or it might be an intersession event from 1-3 pm.  The board has no objection to the subject of medical marijuana as a potential topic.

6.  A 2016 Harper College Joint Symposium is being planned.  Sue Harty and John Wiese met with Kathy Swan and Scott Cashman and plan to do so later this month.  The general topic for the 2016 Symposium will be WWII.  Harper College may be able to guaranty a room for 60-100 attendees.  Mike Harkins, Chair of Harper’s History Department suggested the topics of Dunkirk or the War at Home.  He will present one or two lectures.  Gary Midkiff may also present a topic.
Scott Cashman’s staff will handle all administration issues.

The theme, daily syllabus, and lecture time frame will be determined. John Wiese will ask Mike Harkins to visit and discuss topics for an hour or so when the Harper session ends.

7. Andrea Zietlow, Henrietta Leary, and Bob Masterson will discuss details of advertising, registration and room scheduling for Intersession Opportunities. These will provide a year-round resource for members. Registration will strictly be on a first come, first served basis. This might be a ‘bring-a-friend’ opportunity, subject to capacity.

A decision was made to introduce the topic to members at the Holiday Party and begin during the first three weeks of June. Proposals will be due early January and will be followed up with a reminder and schedule during the Spring Study Group session. We hope to have both new and experienced presenters. As these are short presentations, no coordinator credit will be attached to the presentations. Henrietta Leary and Andrea Zietlow will present the first session.

Henrietta Leary, Andrea Zietlow, John Wiese, and Sue Masterson are available to help Bob Masterson update the list of Great Courses resources. Bob will schedule a date.

8. ICLRU Master Calendar Additions / Changes
Holiday Party (215 members signed up, so far). Intersession Opportunities will be introduced. Entertainment will include a sing-along. A program will be provided.

9. Les Miller moved to approve the 2016 budget. Andrea Zietlow 2nd the motion carried.

10. There were no questions or comments on the Committee Reports.

Henrietta Leary reported that the recent field trip and the Art Seminar both went very well. A trip to Field Museum to see China’s First Emperor and His Terracotta Warriors is being planned. This will run from March 4, 2016 to January 8, 2017. We might consider doing the field trip on two different days as their will probably be a lot of interest. Henrietta recommends allowing members to bring potential new members to the next Ice Cream Social and Art Show.
11. Other?

- John Wiese invited Dr. Malekzadeh to a luncheon with the Board and invited guests after his lecture if he has time. **Les Miller moved to authorize John Wiese to make luncheon arrangements in consultation with board members, up to a maximum of $300. 2nd Sue Masterson, the motion carried.** Brief discussion of 10-12 potential attendees.

- The board should consider inserting an ad in the Daily Herald this summer prior to 2016 Fall Study Group advertisement. John Wiese will look into advertising with the Daily Herald.

- Discussion of a possible Spring Coordinators’ **preview night** -- no more than 15 minutes each, in Room 706. Presentations might be held a few times, two or three weeks prior to registration. A committee should be established to determine the parameters, i.e., this might be an open house with a variety of speakers and light refreshments. An attractive invitation would be used, and an RSVP would be requested.

- Discussion of promoting ICLRU to retired teachers. There are local monthly meetings of IRTA. Andrea Zietlow will research. ICLRU is a non-profit with similar interests in education – there is a natural affinity.

- ICLRU may have reciprocal marketing opportunities with other organizations, such as local theaters, etc., on a no-cost basis. Outreach Committee Chair, Sue Harty, will head a group to consider possibilities.

- Discussion of the possibility of inviting community leaders to come and talk to us as a bridge to building diversity. How could our organization help the broader community? A starting point might be a ‘multi-cultural day’ with 3 or 4 invited civic leaders including discussion and lunch. ICLRU members may have contacts.

12. Next board meeting is **Wednesday, January 20, 2016 at 10 am.**

13. Andrea Zietlow moved for adjournment, 2nd Les Miller, the motion carried.