

ICLRU Board Meeting
Minutes, May 25, 2016

10 AM - Rm. 704

All board members were present.

Guest: Bob Masterson

1. Call to Order / Confirmation of Quorum was conducted by John Wiese.
2. Review of the April 2016 Minutes
3. Steve Wolf moved to approve the April 2016 minutes. 2nd by Sue Harty, the motion carried.
4. Nominating Committee Report
 - a. Nominating Committee Chair, Debby Miller reported that the Nominating Committee voted for the following slate to fill the open director positions: Jim Kacena, Sue Masterson, and Steve Wolf.
 - b. There was a discussion of Nominating Committee procedures.
 - c. Henrietta Leary shared her ideas for decorating at Chandler's Banquets.
5. Annual Meeting planning was reviewed. Steve Wolf will forward the 2015 agenda to John Wiese.
6. Intersession presentations during the Spring/Summer break, there are 121 members signed up and 332 seats were filled. Weekly announcements are probably not needed at the Intersession presentations. Andrea Zietlow will email presenters to ask who will be available to attend a wrap up luncheon. Concerning the Summer/Fall break a limited number of Intersession presentations (8 at most) will be offered during the weeks of August 21 & 28 on Tuesdays & Wednesdays.
7. The ICL Reads Committee (Andrea Zietlow, Sheila Barrett and Pam Novey) will pursue a book or books (to be determined) on the subject of Eleanor Roosevelt. Andrea Zietlow presented suggestions for possible tie-ins to the ICL Reads program for review by the board.
 - a. A Winter Lecture with Leslie Goddard portraying Eleanor Roosevelt
 - b. A study group or Winter/Spring Intersession presentation on Eleanor Roosevelt
 - c. Possible Spring Study Groups on associated topics (history of the United Nations, The New Deal, Famous Women of the 20th Century or after WWII)
 - d. First Ladies
 - e. Movies about the 1940's and 1950's
 - f. Discussion of various quotes by Eleanor Roosevelt in Plato's Place

- g. ICLRU could provide a small scholarship for the Journalism student who writes the best retrospective article on ‘The UN, Human Rights, and Eleanor Roosevelt in the 21st Century (limit 500 words).
- h. Hold an event in March with a 1940’s or 1950’s theme (possible quiz show like \$64,000 question) and have music related to the period, such as Roosevelt University’s ‘New Deal Jazz Band’.
- i. Hold an ICLRU debate: ‘Is membership in the United Nations a benefit or detriment to the United States?’
- j. Hold organization-wide book discussions in Spring 2017.

The board indicated these were all excellent suggestions, particularly in connection with holding an event in March.

Multiple books might be included, perhaps an option of a shorter book and/or a longer one, with discussions on both books.

- 8. ICLRU Master Calendar Additions / Changes
Steve Wolf will select a date for the Summer Study Group Wrap Up.
- 9. Treasurer’s Report & Financials
 - a. \$50,000 was transferred from the savings account to open a new CD at Sterling Bank, St. Charles, IL at a rate of 1.55% for 18 months.
 - b. Treasurer, Joan Brody reported that Total Assets are \$143,13.56, Total Equity is \$139,966.53 and Net Income is (932.54). According to an automated report, the organization has 434 active members. Some expenses have increased over time, such as facility rental, credit card processing fees, supplies, etc.

Office Manager, Bob Masterson indicated that the nature of the automated membership report results in some active members not being counted during the grace period. His count of all active members is 455 members rather than 434. One reason Net Income might be down is that May renewal notices were mailed later than normal this year.

- 10. ICLRU / Harper College Symposium
Harper College would like to net a profit of \$1,000 from the upcoming joint symposium. The symposium will be priced at \$45 per person, with an expectation of 90 attendees. Harper College and ICLRU will share the same advertising which will be promoted more heavily and to more locations than last year.
- 11. Selwyn Schwartz reviewed the recent presentations he conducted with Andrea Zietlow to the Illinois Retired Teachers Association and the Schaumburg High School Retired Teachers. Brochures and applications were distributed to potential members. Selwyn intends to follow up with contacts at local mosques in connection with diversity outreach.

Andrea created a PowerPoint presentation for the Illinois Retired Teachers Association. Bob Masterson will take a look at the presentation to see how it might be posted on the organization website.

12. Committee Reports

Henrietta Leary updated the board on plans for the Ice Cream Social and Art Fair. Suggestion to run Andrea Zietlow's new Power Point slide on a continuous loop to provide information for non-member guests at the Ice Cream Social. The Lake Michigan cruise, and a proposed trip to the Swedish area of the city and the museum along Clark Street in Chicago were also discussed. A map of local area sites around Clark Street will be provided so that field trip attendees can schedule their time in the area.

The names of the 2016-2017 ICLRU board members and Committee Chairs will be listed on the bulletin board.

13. Other?

- a. Selwyn Schwartz wrote an introductory article for the Daily Herald on ICLRU's 20th Anniversary Celebration. Selwyn will contact the Herald and invite a reporter to visit ICLRU when study groups are in session. It was agreed it might be best
- b. John Wiese surveyed past Coordinators and Intersession presenters concerning audio / visual equipment. There were not many responses. John and Bob Masterson will discuss the survey results.
- c. RU's Robin Campus is participating in a new Schaumburg Advisory Council. Bob will forward the information to the board.
- d. The dedicated sound system on the ICLRU 'audio cart' is no longer working. A requirement is that the replacement equipment must be able to work with most, if not all systems. Bob Masterson may ask RU's Multi-Media Manager for feedback/suggestions.
- e. The board decided to allow Coordinators to handle the issue of 'saving seats' in Study Groups on a case-by-case basis.

14. The next board meeting will be held immediately following the Annual Meeting, June 9th at Chandler's Banquets in Schaumburg, IL.

15. Selwyn Schwartz moved to adjourn the meeting. 2nd Sue Harty, the motion carried.