

Meeting Minutes

August 19, 2016

10:00 AM

Jim Kacena, Henrietta Leary, Sue Masterson, John Wiese, Steve Wolf and Andrea Zietlow

Guests: Sheila Barrett, Bob Masterson and Selwyn Schwartz

1. Call to Order / Confirmation of Quorum was performed by John Wiese
2. Review of the July 2016 Minutes
3. Jim Kacena moved to approve the July 2016 Minutes, 2nd by Andrea Zietlow, the motion carried.
4. "ICL Celebrates Eleanor Roosevelt" – Sheila Barrett and Andrea Zietlow presented a few of their ideas to the board and had some questions concerning contacts at RU.
 - Henrietta Leary will coordinate volunteers.
 - Leslie Goddard presents Eleanor Roosevelt is planned for the Winter Lecture series.
 - The March Party might be themed a 1950's Soda Shop with a College Bowl competition. Henry Fogel, Dean of the Chicago College for the Performing Arts (CCPA) would be the person to contact regarding contracting the RU student jazz band for a paid appearance. An alternative might be a local high school jazz band.
 - An Oxford Union Debate might be held on a topic such as The United Nations: A Good U.S. Investment?
 - Various study groups or Intersession Presentations might be planned around this theme.
 - A Journalism contest is a possibility.
 - RU has a special collection of Roosevelt memorabilia.

- The next steps the committee will take include refining the agenda and creating a tentative timetable. They will notify the administration at RU of our plans and looking into the possibility of RU participation. An announcement will be made to coordinators at the upcoming Appreciation Lunch.
 - Bob Masterson suggested that a starting point might be visiting Room 125 (near the Rotunda) to ask about contacts at RU. Dr. Paul Green and Linda Jones are possibilities. Contact information may also be available through the faculty links at www.roosevelt.edu
5. The Fall Intersession Presentations have 115 registered members filling 232 seats over four days. Additional discussion on alternative enrollment options for Intersessions generated suggestions:
- Andrea Zietlow volunteered to register members into the database, after she has some training on the system. She is available Monday, Tuesday and Wednesday afternoons. Andrea and Henrietta Leary are willing to help with mailings.
 - A registration committee might volunteer a few hours a week.
 - A separate online registration system such as MachForm or EventBrite might be used. It would be best if any alternative selected would generate wait lists, rosters and attendance sheets similar to the ones currently generated.
 - Mike McCann from Friendship Village offered to do a session on 'Who is Santa Clause?' His fee (normally \$150) might be paid from this year's Lecture Budget. This would be scheduled during the Winter Intersession.

6. John Wiese and Andrea Zietlow spoke with representatives from Friendship Village about a Senior Fair "Feed Your Spirit" joint project (Friendship Village, Harper College and ICLRU). The financial obligation to ICLRU would be \$50 for a table and any fees associated with arranging for speakers for 6-half hour sessions. It may be possible for member volunteers, such as Peter Marron, to speak. Another possibility would be RU Pharmacy College student, Bhumi Patel. Speakers from ARC Therapy are also a possibility. Funds for this event will be approved via the organization's Fully Funded Budget Form, available from Bob Masterson.

We might also advertise this to RU's Pharmacy College.

This event will be held at Harper College and will need to be coordinated closely. Perhaps Sue Harty can coordinate with Harper College with assistance from Selwyn Schwarz.

7. ICLRU / Friendship Village Agreement 2016-17
Andrea Zietlow will arrange to meet with Jeanette Magdaleno at Friendship Village to sign the 2016-17 contract in September. Two signed copies are needed, one for Friendship Village and another for ICLRU, which should be given to Bob Masterson.

Jeanette Magdaleno selected four presentations from the list provided. John Wiese mentioned that all these coordinators are available for a 90-minute presentation. The stand-alone sessions were not discussed during the meeting. In the normal course of events, coordinator presentations are done in April, May, June and July. The stand-alone presentations occur during two weeks in August and the 'Wow Event occurs in September or October.

Bob Masterson has a copy of the back page of the ICLRU directory with updated Friendship Village advertising for the bulletin board.

ICLRU members sometimes are able to act as monitors at the Silver Games at Friendship Village.

8. Andrea Zietlow moved to approve the Andersonville Field Trip budget. There was a 2nd from Steve Wolf and the motion carried. The announcement will go out this weekend.
9. Board member offered 'Big Ideas' for our organization, including:
 - 'ICL Celebrates FDR' to follow the Eleanor Roosevelt celebration
 - A Financial Seminar, similar to those held in past years. Selwyn Schwartz and Henrietta Leary know potential presenters. Members such as Bob Allen may be available. There may be local contacts through the RU Faculty as well. We could probably fill two non-consecutive mornings if we include Senior Fraud and Trust segments. We may charge something like \$15 for both days.
 - Andrea Zietlow would like to look at the Renaissance from all aspects. This could be done as an ICLRU Seminar (the popular Humanities Seminar, was held over 3 days at a cost of \$65 per person.) We could plan for that in 2018. Renaissance-themed study groups would also be a possibility.
10. ICLRU Master Calendar Additions / Changes
 - The Piano Showcase 'WOW' Event at Friendship Village is planned for Friday, October 14.
 - The Fall/Winter Intersession Presentations will be held November 29 and 30 and December 6 and 7. Proposals will be solicited in early September.
11. Treasurer's Report

The overall year's results through July 2016 were:

 - Total Assets = \$143,694.91
 - Total Equity = \$142,051.30
 - Net Income = \$ 1,152.23

The current membership headcount was reported as 441.

There were no questions or comments on the report.

Bob Masterson reported that for the year, the number of new members now equals the number of people who did not renew.

12. Committee Reports

- Henrietta Leary, Events Chair mentioned that the proposed car show will be moved to Spring and that Opera in Focus is a possibility later this year. Henrietta will contact Paul Green to confirm the St. Patrick's Day Lecture.
- John Wiese is considering appointing a Co-Chair for the Lecture Committee due to the passing of the late Debby Miller.
- Selwyn Schwartz, Outreach Chair has a Tuesday luncheon presentation planned with the Hoffman Estates Senior Commission. He has also followed up with the local chapter of Federal Retirees and would like to make a presentation to them in October or November. Selwyn will also continue to insert articles about ICLRU in the local Daily Herald.
- There were no questions or comments about the written reports prepared by Committee Chairs.

13. Other?

- Steve Wolf suggested a computer mentoring opportunity for new coordinators during a lunch hour. Bob Masterson will check on the availability of a room with PCs.
- The cost to attend the Summer Picnic might be high. We won't order as much food next year and we should see an accompanying drop in price. Ten fewer people attended in 2016 than the prior year.

- It may be time to release a statement to the effect that we all have our political hopes and dreams, but Plato's Place and Current Events are the place for political opinions.
- Selwyn Schwartz suggested that after the election, a Representative from the 8th Congressional District might speak to members. The 8th District covers all or parts of Addison, Bloomingdale, Carol Stream, Elgin, Elk Grove Village, Glendale Heights, Hanover Park, Hoffman Estates, Lombard, Palatine, Roselle, Schaumburg, Streamwood, Villa Park and Wood Dale. Most of our members reside in Arlington Heights, so we might have a similar event with a Representative from the 9th or 10th Congressional District. RU would need to be informed in advance.
- On future outings, to avoid long delays and costly fees, trip leaders will need to stress that people need to meet at a designated location at a defined time so as not to miss the bus home. It may be possible to utilize a Buddy System and/or hand out a card with the meeting time and place. Additionally, in hot weather, it would be helpful to have cold water in a cooler on the bus for the trip home.
- The Schaumburg Transportation Center was mentioned as a transportation option for the Cubs outing.
- The ICLRU/Harper College Symposium was a success. There was no drop off in attendance from Day 1 to Day 3.
- RU notified us that FOODA \$3 subsidies end on September 1, 2016. Regular menu prices will apply.

14. Next Board Meeting Date – [Friday, September 16 at 10 AM](#)

15. Andrea Zietlow moved for adjournment, 2nd by Henrietta Leary, the motion carried.