# ICLRU Board Meeting May 19, 2014

10:00 am

Present: Steve Wolf, Kathie Newsted, Sue Masterson, Don Carlson, Sue Harty, Debby Miller, Steve Novey, Dave Parks, and Selwyn Schwartz. Guests: Margo Temple and Katherine Dublinski

- I. Call to Order and Confirmation of Quorum was performed by Steve Wolf
- II. Comments from the President Selwyn Schwartz will provide a report from the Nominating Committee.
- III. Approval of Minutes from the Last Meeting Don Carlson moved for approval of the April 21, 2013 minutes. 2<sup>nd</sup> by Sue Harty, the motion carried.
- IV. Additions / Changes to the ICLRU Master Calendar

Annual Meeting, June 12, 2014 - Steve Wolf will recognize the regular contributors to the organization at the Annual Meeting. Kathie Newsted asked that board members introduce themselves to the membership in attendance. Membership registration is currently at 224. We may provide Chandlers with a slightly lower number on June 1, and pay for any additional meals that are needed. We can always pay for more, but we have to pay for the number we guarantee.

Summer Outing, Monday, August 11, 2014 - Ed Nolan will coordinate the Summer Outing this year. He and his team have recently begun planning the event.

Holiday Party Date Selection – Sue Masterson moved that the Holiday Party be held on Thursday, December 18<sup>th</sup> 2014. Kathie Newsted 2<sup>nd</sup>. The motion carried.

Margo Temple and the Special Events Committee will handle the details of the party with Chandlers (reserving the date and table centerpieces, arranging for menu, inviting the guests, and arranging for entertainment). Sue Masterson will provide Margo and Katherine with contact information for Chandler's Banquets.

V. The Special Events Committee would like to reserve the following dates for future events:

Health Awareness 411 Seminar - Friday Sept. 19 in Alumni Hall

Oktoberfest\* (Beer Garden theme) - Wednesday, Oct. 1

St. Paddy's Party - March 13, 2015

\* Oktoberfest would be held in the RU Court Yard or in Alumni Hall in case of inclement weather. Discussion concerning changing Oktoberfest, 2014 to an ICLRU funded event. It was noted that the approved 2014 budget would need to be modified to accomplish this. Oktoberfest has not been an inexpensive self-funded event.

Margo Temple will provide detailed expenses for the cost of food, entertainment, etc., and the projected number of attendees so that the question of whether or not Oktoberfest could be changed to an ICLRU funded event. There was discussion about whether contractually, beer or craft beer could be served at RU, and if so, whether specific insurance would be required.

Special Events is considering a reception for both Dr. Middleton and the new University President, when that individual is named.

Special Events is also working on an Event featuring Wael Farouk: CCPA Professor and Piano Virtuoso. He was born with unusually short ligaments in his hands. He can't make a fist, open a jar or slip buttons through the holes on his shirt. He has become an exceptional pianist.

The Board reviewed the budget, caterer's proposal, and plans for the Ice Cream Social provided by the Special Events Committee. This is an ICLRU funded event, and was previously approved by the board. The board unanimously agreed to begin advertising and registration.

#### VI. Treasurer's Report

Through April 2014 total assets are \$142,177.95, total equity is \$140,210.38 and net income is \$6,391.26. Financially, it appears that the estimates used to account for the overall effects of the increases in expenses for 2014 and the anticipated impact on membership head count are working to date.

Membership has seen a slight drop to 508 from 526 this time last year.

The Membership Committee used to do a follow-up when members didn't renew. The Board will ask Peter and Sully if they are willing to make follow-up phone calls to ask those who don't renew why they made that decision. If so, Bob Masterson will provide them with the names.

ICLRU normally has 3-5 non-member applicants during each study group session. Bob Masterson follows up with them and provides an application.

If wait lists are a contributing factor, Steve Wolf will review the spring study group attendance sheets and may recommend overbooking classes by 15% instead of 10%.

Don Carlson will communicate with the finance committee via email for the next few months due to ongoing medical issues in his family.

VII. ICL Fund and the Fundraising Committee

Les Miller's response to Don Carlson's inquiry about starting up a gift fund was that there really aren't any pitfalls to avoid. The Board needs to decide what the purpose of the fund is. This conversation will be held over for a future meeting.

## VIII. Memorial Donations

Discussion of an ICLRU donation to the RU 21<sup>st</sup> Annual Golf Outing. All proceeds from this Outing will benefit Roosevelt University's Future Community Leaders Scholarship Program. There are various donation levels. ICLRU could turn the foursome back over to the University for students, if no ICLRU golfers are able play that day. Debby Miller moved that ICLRU make a donation at the \$2,500 level, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Kathie Newsted 2<sup>nd</sup>, the motion carried.

- \$2,500 Birdie Level
- 1 foursome
- Half-page ad in program
- Hole sponsor signage
- Signage at event

## IX. Committee Reports

Steve Wolf hopes to be able to use the repaired RU grand piano should Professor Winston Choy's students return for an event in the fall.

## X. Other

Debby Miller and her co-coordinators from the Everyday Gourmet study group plan to publish a cookbook. The board had no objection to Debby's group offering the cookbook for sale (\$15-\$25) at the Appreciation luncheon and the Holiday Party.

Update from Selwyn Schwartz, Nominating Committee Chair Five members submitted applications to be considered as board members. The Committee will meet this Wednesday to further discuss these five.

Only three board members will be selected. The President or the Nominating Committee Chair will call the two applicants not selected this year and encourage them to apply in the future.

## XI. Next Board Meeting June 9 at 10 am.

XII. Debby Miller moved to adjourn the meeting, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Selwyn Schwartz, the motion carried.