ICLRU Board Meeting Minutes

July 21, 2014

Present: Steve Wolf, Kathie Newsted, Sue Masterson, Don Carlson, Sue Harty, Cathy Jensen, Debby Miller, Dave Parks, Selwyn Schwartz

Guests: Kathryn Dublinski, Peter Marron, and Margo Temple

- I. Call to Order and Confirmation of Quorum performed by President, Steve Wolf
- II. Comments from the President
- III. Motion by Debby Miller to approve the minutes from the May 19 and June 12 meetings, 2nd Don Carlson the motion carried.
- IV. Discussion with the Special Events Committee of the Holiday Party venue that was voted on by the board at the May meeting.
- V. Bob Masterson has been communicating with Ed Nolan on the status of the self-funded Summer Outing. They will review sign ups on July 24, to see whether participation in the golf portion is sufficient to hold the event. If the event is cancelled, refunds will be made to all who have paid. Bob Masterson will check with Yvette Joseph to see whether ICLRU's four golf slots are still available at RU's Annual Summer Golf Outing at the Schaumburg Golf Club. Bob will also advise Margo Temple of the final decision, so that no lunch order will be placed with Food2You.
- VI. Informational Henrietta Leary's New Off Campus Event
 Opera In Focus Thursday, August 21st at 4:00 pm: this performance is just for us,
 which should make it more fun. Afterwards anyone who wants can join the group for
 dinner. There will be a limit—65--because of fire rules at the theater.
- VII. Additions / Tentative Dates / Changes to the ICLRU Master Calendar:
 - Health Awareness 411 Seminar (Alumni Hall) is tentatively scheduled for Friday, Sept. 19. Margo Temple will provide Bob Masterson with the Self-Funded Event Budget Form on July 21 so that it may be completed. Due to time constraints, the Executive Committee will review the budget form. Formal approval will be taken up by the full board at the August meeting.
 - Oktoberfest Celebration is tentatively scheduled for Wednesday, Oct. 1. Margo Temple scheduled the entertainment for that event.
 - Fall session end date has changed from Friday, Nov. 14 to Thursday, the 13th

- Antiques Road Show Comes to ICL Seminar (with lunch) is being proposed with a tentative date of Friday, Nov. 7. There were no objections by the board.
- Winter study group session will begin Monday January 26, 2015 and end Thursday Feb. 26. This year we will begin study groups after the MLK Holiday. The Spring 2015 study groups will correspondingly, begin a week later than normal.
- VIII. Peter Marron asked for the inclusion of a 2015 St. Patrick's Day/Spring Party as an ICLRU fully funded event in the 2015 annual budget and beyond. Initially, costs are anticipated to be \$900. The Finance Committee will review the matter and make a recommendation to the Board.
 - IX. Don Carlson, Treasurer, reported that enrollment has declined for the last five months over the similar periods in 2013. Only one former member indicated that he was leaving the organization because dues had increased for the first time in over 10 years.

Total assets are \$132,461.91, Total Equity is \$130,677.68 and Net Income is (\$3,141.44). Net income has shown a month-by-month drop for the last four months, with a corresponding drop in Equity.

Bob Masterson advised that 189 members have an opportunity to renew over August and September. Bob will provide contact information to the Member Services Committee for members who don't renew in those months. Member Services will call to ask the reasons for non-renewal.

If the trend continues, the Board will consider recruiting for new members through RU's Northwest Suburban Alumni Chapter, suburban newsletters, and other local organizations. Outreach Chair, Sue Harty, and Vice-President, Kathie Newsted will look into the most viable recruitment methods.

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

XI. Other?

• The one-year term of the facility rental agreement between RU and ICLRU expires August 31, 2014. An ad hoc negotiating committee comprised of Sue Harty, Bob Masterson, Debby Miller, Kathie Newsted, and Selwyn Schwartz will meet Aug. 11 at 9 am in Room 315 to consider ICLRU's facility rental negotiating points and next steps. Sue Masterson will email the current contract to the committee members.

In addition, this group was asked to make a recommendation to the Board concerning a repeated request from the Special Events Committee to hold all ICLRU events at RU, regardless of size or appropriateness of the venue, with food provided exclusively by Food2You, Catering and Foodservice Management, operating at the RU Schaumburg and Downtown campuses.

• Steve Wolf presented the concept of contributing the \$500 Carol Keegan Memorial Donation to an RU Pharmacy student--an award for the best entry in a competition among Pharmacy students. This obviously would require preliminary dialogue with the Pharmacy school and ultimately the school's commitment to determining the nature of the competition and the process of selecting a winner.

This competition could relate to both the interests of the students and our own interests as seniors (perhaps relating to seniors' mental acuity or learning capabilities). Competition could involve papers summarizing current research and/or suggesting new research, or perhaps a plan for surveying seniors (including some of our members, possibly as pre-test subjects).

This suggestion was well received and the board will discuss it further at the next meeting.

- Margo Temple was congratulated on her upcoming 14th ICLRU anniversary, Aug 9
- Discussion of changing the existing check signature requirement from one officer signature to two.
- XII. Next Board Meeting: Monday, August 18 at 10:00 in Room 317.
- XIII. Motion to adjourn was made by Debby Miller; 2nd Kathie Newsted, the motion carried.