

ICLRU Board Meeting
Agenda – August 17, 2015
10:00 AM in Rm. 704

Present: John Wiese, Sue Harty, Sue Masterson, Joan Brody, Cathy Jensen, Les Miller, Steve Wolf and Andrea Zietlow

Absent: Selwyn Schwartz

Guests: Henrietta Leary and LaRaye Rodriguez

1. Call to Order / Confirmation of Quorum performed by John Wiese.
2. Comments from the President
John Wiese welcomed the board and guests. He suggested that today's meeting (and future meetings) begin with a review of the minutes from the prior month.
3. Review of the July Minutes
 - a. Henrietta Leary will contact Living History Impersonator R. J. Lindsey (www.rjlindsey.com) for a possible 2016 lecture in honor of Don Carlson, for his many contributions to ICLRU.
 - b. In lieu of previous suggestions, Henrietta Leary will propose to the Lecture Committee that ICLRU dedicate a lecture to the memory of the late Tom Dooley, a major contributor to ICLRU. The next Lecture Committee meeting is August 18.
 - c. Details on the upcoming Banned Books Seminar were discussed.
 - d. Joan Brody is able to contribute a keyboard for the Holiday Party entertainment, if needed. Various entertainment options are under discussion.
4. Sue Harty moved to approve the July 2015 minutes. 2nd Cathy Jensen. The motion carried.
5. Board Confirmation – Art Seminar in Honor of Carol Keegan.
Sue Masterson moved to approve the event, second Steve Wolf, the motion carried. Henrietta Leary confirmed November 13th with guest speaker, Jeff Nigro. Alumni Hall will be booked and advertising can begin as soon as flyers are ready.

6. **Appreciation Luncheon Planning**
Chandlers Banquets is ready for the event. John Wiese will address the attendees and Steve Wolf will talk about the upcoming Fall Study Group session.
7. **ICLRU Master Calendar Additions / Changes**
 - a. The September board meeting will be held on Monday, September 28. Study groups will have started so we will be limited to one hour.
 - b. Steve Wolf updated the group on the Carol Keegan ICLRU Pharmacy College Scholarship winner.
 - c. Winter 2016 Study Group dates will be added to the calendar, per the Program Committee Report.
 - d. Proposed Fall ICLRU and RU Piano Showcase at Friendship Village, date to be announced.
 - e. An off-campus Opera In Focus outing is planned for November or December.
8. **Treasurer's Report and Monthly Financial**
Joan Brody reported overall results through July, 2015:

Total Assets	\$143,623.17
Total Equity	\$141,938.68
Net Income	\$2,883.11

Compared to last year at this time, Total Cash is \$4,000 higher, Total Equity is \$4,600 higher and Net Income is about \$600 less.

Joan plans to update the membership numbers for February through June on a future report and she will acquire more information regarding the Finance Committee. Selwyn Schwartz and Ann Gaul may be able to provide Joan with specifics.

9. Civil War Symposium Report

- a. Sue Harty reported that a meeting is planned with Harper College to discuss aspects that worked well and those that could be improved.
- b. Presentations were well received by the audience, as reflected in the daily evaluations.
- c. Some attendees expressed interest in learning more about ICLRU.
- d. Allocation of costs between Harper College and ICLRU has not been determined yet.

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

11. Friendship Village Agreement Renewal

- a. Sue Harty will contact Jeanette Magdaleno, Lifelong Learning and Volunteer Coordinator at Friendship Village, later today to begin discussions about renewing the joint agreement, effective Oct. 1.
- b. Steve Wolf has spoken with Winston Choi, Associate Professor and Head of Piano at the Chicago College of Performing Arts at Roosevelt University, about a jointly sponsored Piano Showcase to be held at Friendship Village.

This event:

- Helps to fulfill ICLRU's contractual obligations to Friendship Village; and
- Provides an opportunity for RU advanced piano students to gain performance experience in the community.

The event is at no cost to attendees. Registration is required. If registration warrants valet parking, then ICLRU would cover the cost of approximately \$300 or less, based on attendance.

12. Formation of New Book Clubs/Special Interest Clubs
Sue Harty will draw up a list of members who are interested in organizing in new book clubs or special interest clubs. John Wiese will arrange a meeting to discuss next steps.
13. Discussion of 'Planning for Retirement' Seminar
Discussion of a potential Spring 2016 community event aimed at introducing ICLRU to people approaching retirement, and to the newly retired. It was generally agreed that the scale of the event should not include other community organizations, but instead should be directly related to introducing ICLRU to potential members.
14. Discussion of Technical Training for Prospective Coordinators
John Wiese will coordinate with Bob Masterson concerning access to rooms for Coordinators who want technical training for the Fall Study Group Session.
15. Meeting with RU President, Malekzadeh
John Wiese informed the board of his recent communication with President Malekzadeh. A small (12 person) get-together with President Malekzadeh, is being considered, if his schedule permits. Costs for simple refreshments are anticipated to be about \$15 per person.

Personal donations to RU by members are tax deductible. Perhaps there are ways the organization could be helpful to RU other than financial.

16. Office Manager Review, September 2015
The Office Manager review will be on the September meeting agenda to coordinate with the preparation of the budget effective January 1, 2016.
17. Other?
 - a. Various methods of increasing membership by approximately 20 members were brain-stormed:
 - Solicit reasons that members joined and stayed with ICLRU. Create a contest and post the 'winning' responses on our website.
 - Schedule a popular abbreviated class, as a one-time adult community event at a local library. It may be the right venue to introduce ICLRU to the community.

- Create a 'speakers bureau' group that would go out in the community to spread the word about ICLRU.
 - Advertise in the Daily Herald, which was successful in past years.
- b. Steve Wolf briefly discussed the Summer Study Group evaluations, which were excellent.
 - c. New credit cards and bank signature cards are needed for the 2015-16 Executive Officers.
 - d. John Wiese volunteered to mock up a small flyer explaining what ICLRU is about. We would like to appeal to potential members in a very personal way.
 - e. A long-running book club using ICLRU resources maintains its size at approximately 15 by limiting membership to ICLRU members who are nominated by existing book club members. Board members offered various alternatives to this type of membership policy. Cathy Jensen, a member, plans to relay the board's thoughts to the club members.
 - f. A small ICLRU Civil War Discussion Group meets on campus. Henrietta Leary volunteered to provide information on the group so that it could be provided to the membership.
 - g. As in previous years, a summary of the June 2015 Town Hall meeting was prepared. Sue Masterson forwarded a draft to directors who addressed the membership and responded to questions at the Town Hall. Comments and additional input on the draft were requested. Once finalized it will be posted to the website and a link will be forwarded to the membership.
18. Next Board Meeting Date – Monday, Sept. 28 at 11:45 am in Rm. 704
 19. Sue Harty moved to adjourn the meeting, 2nd Cathy Jensen, the motion carried.