

ALP Advisory Board Meeting
April 26, 2012

Attendees: Tobie Katz; Leon Carr; Betty Breen; Helen Lansberg; Ann Morris; Carol Matzke; Peter Cruikshank; Ivan Backer; Jim Yaeger; Jean Yaeger; Janet Murphy; Marion Kelliher; Shirley Dudley; Bertina Williams, Staff.

The meeting was called to order at 1:01 PM.

Announcements: Rose Pollock is taking a leave of absence from the Membership Committee. Ann Morris will take over until September when Rose is expected to return.

The minutes were accepted as corrected.

Co-Chairs: There are corrections in the dates for the Curriculum Committee meetings. They will appear in the next Board packet. A proposed agenda for the Annual meeting was presented. David Borden will introduce the speaker. There are questions regarding the poetry contest.

Treasurer: See report.

Coordinator: See report. Bertina asked for Committee reports to be submitted by May 15. Also binders are to be turned in by those leaving the Board.

ALPHorn: Deadline for material is July 15. Walter Woodward is the speaker for the September Preview Meeting.

Communications: Jim Yaeger and Bob Ellis will be the new co-chairs. Jim announced that Theaterworks will give ALP free advertising.

Website: Jean wants feedback on whether people use the website. There are around 30 entries from Creative Writing and Memoirs on the site. Jean is looking for photos of events to put onto the site.

Curriculum: Ivan reported on the fall sessions. There are so many suggestions that some are being moved to the spring sessions. There will be 20 regular and 20 single sessions for the fall. Ivan stated that a program "Rhetoric of Survival" is being considered. The presenter is Gwendolyn Queraire-Presutti. The program is about Harriet Tubman. The cost of the program is \$500.00 but Seabury is to pay half and our cost would be \$250.00. Since Seabury has already agreed to pay their portion, a motion was made and approved that we pay \$250.00 for our portion. It was also announced that Seabury has asked that the lights be turned off when we leave a room after a class.

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Membership: There are three new committee members. The subject for Walter Woodward's talk will be "New England as Handed Down in Song". Mr. Woodward is the State Historian.

Old Business: Peter spoke with Pat of UConn on April 19. UConn is closing the Center for Continuing Studies in West Hartford. There is a question of how the ALP relationship will continue although there is hope that some kind of a center will continue. Peter suggested that we continue our present relationship until things settle down before pursuing changes previously discussed. Ivan made a motion that the Chairs extend our current contract for six months and then re-open discussions. The motion was seconded and approved.

New Business: A motion was made and approved to increase Bertina's hours from eight to ten per week. Ivan suggested that ALP make presentations at several retirement communities in the area that may not know about us.

Budget: The 2012-13 budget that was presented will have to be changed to reflect the following changes: increase in Bertina's hours; increase in retained earnings; \$250.00 from Presenter expenses.

The meeting was adjourned at 2:35 PM.

Respectfully submitted,

Tobie Katz
Recording Secretary