

Amended, Final Draft of Encore Minutes for Annual Meeting 5-23-14

Meeting called to order at 1:30 by President Rodger. Pledge of Allegiance led by President Rodger.

Presentation of Encore gift to Larry Miller by Rollie Lindstrom: audio system for the use of Senior Center.

Introduction of Board officers (President Rodger Gobel, vice President John Ryan in absentia, Secretary Mary Jackson, Treasurer Michael McGonigle, Curriculum chair Reta Lindstrom, Membership chair Rollie Lindstrom, and Trip chair Art Limbird).

Minutes from last meeting approved by the membership. Minutes from May 2013 meeting were unanimously approved by the membership.

Treasurer's report: Michael McGonigle presented the partial financial statement covering July 1, 2013 thru April 30, 2014. Budget and financial statements are attached.

Nominations for new officers announced by nominating committee members Sue Zerangue, Judith Schlecter, Melissa Yowell, and Marjorie Spence. President: Tod Lundy; Vice President: Frank Spence; Secretary: Kit Ketcham; Treasurer: Meg Weaver. Move to close nominations and cast a unanimous vote of approval. All nominees were unanimously approved by the membership.

Curriculum chairperson Reta Lindstrom: introduction of all members of the committee. Fall classes are being planned now.

Trip chairperson Art Limbird: introduction of all members of committee. Events are being planned for the Fall. Meg Weaver is continuing to monitor and add information to the Encore website, through May 31, 2014.

Membership Committee chairperson Rollie Lindstrom: there are currently 139 members in Encore. Introduction of all members of committee.

Ice Cream Social: June 26 at the Yacht Club/Senior Center. (Location has been changed to the Coho Room of Columbia Memorial Hospital. Date remains the same.)

Teaching/Coordinator Awards presented by Reta Lindstrom.

Treasurer Michael moved to amend Bylaws as follows:

Regarding date of Annual meeting Section A currently states: The Annual General Membership Meeting shall be held in May of each year.

Proposed change: The Annual General Membership Meeting shall be held in May or not later than the 15th of June of each year.

Rationale: The existing phrasing was found to be unsatisfactory. It created difficulty in planning the meeting because of the problems encountered in scheduling around existing class schedules and the Memorial Day holiday.

Motion seconded and passed.

Kit Ketcham suggested that bylaws amendments should be sent out to the membership 10 days before the annual meeting. This suggestion became a motion and was seconded.

Discussion. Motion failed. Motion to table the issue until a later time passed.

Reta Lindstrom of Curriculum moved to amend the Bylaws regarding membership of the Nominating committee by adding the statement which follows: **Members of the Nominating Committee shall not be eligible for election to the Board. In cases where such members wish to be nominated, they must resign from the Nominating Committee. In order to maintain the odd number requirement of the membership, the president shall immediately appoint substitute members.** Motion seconded and passed.

Our special guest speaker was Seth Tichenor of CCC, who has been a longtime instructor for ENCORE and a professor of Philosophy at CCC.

Closing remarks by President Rodger, included a special recognition of Erhard Gross and the extraordinary service he has offered ENCORE over the past years of his membership. Rodger's remarks follow:

“We want to extend special recognition to a man who has been a teacher, committee member and chair person and an outstanding member since the inception of ENCORE, and has provided an abundance of his share of the work, expertise and time that has gone into making ENCORE the fine Senior Educational Program that it has become. He has also assisted in solving many problems that have arisen. We are very proud to offer him our appreciation and gratitude for all of his work over the years. Let's not forget that one can always call on him to step in wherever needed to complete the job. Of course we are referring to Erhard Gross, an exceptional, professional asset to our program. And let's not forget his wife, Elfi Gross, who has provided him with much of the support that he needed. It has been a privilege and honor to have known him and to have worked with him.

Thank you, Erhard.”

Erhard Gross also offered a commendation to Reta Lindstrom, who **“ has given to the membership exemplary leadership of the Curriculum committee. Never before has ENCORE offered programs open to the public, used outside speakers, offered evening classes and programs, etc. It's to Reta's credit that she encourages this kind of thinking and development, while maintaining a loyal membership of her group. Thank you, Reta.”**

Cheers and congratulations followed these closing remarks.

Meeting adjourned at 3:15 pm. Refreshments followed.