

First Draft, February 2015 ENCORE board minutes
February 23, 2015

Present: Frank Spence, Tod Lundy, Gail Sunderland, Rollie Lindstrom, Art Limbird, Erhard Gross (proxy for Reta Lindstrom), Mary Fryling (CCC)

Guest: Sue Zerangue

Tod called the meeting to order at 1 p.m. at the Astoria Senior Center, Yacht Club building.

The issue of whether proxies have a vote was clarified; proxies may vote on board issues while serving in place of a board member.

January minutes were approved as corrected.

Reports

Treasurer: Frank, in his role as interim treasurer, sent out the January 2015 update on our financial situation. We have \$23,728.77 in our CCC account and \$478.91 in our petty cash fund. Next year's preliminary budget will be prepared in March, in time for the board to review, accept, and recommend it at the annual meeting. Bills are paid, including most recent party expenses.

Curriculum: Erhard (proxy for Reta) reported that the committee had adopted a catalog of internal guidelines, 10 points about procedures and following up on ideas submitted for classes. Discussion of the guidelines prompted some questions and answers. The committee has submitted the spring schedule to Mary for distribution. Details of upcoming classes and field trips for those classes (Lapwai, Coast Guard) were revealed. Erhard will submit a press release to the Daily Astorian.

Membership: Rollie received kudos for the Chinese New Year party with the Lum family. 49 members attended. Membership is 138 or 139. The committee is preparing for the annual meeting in May and the summer picnic. Frank expressed interest in more cultural/ethnic celebrations, perhaps Cinco de Mayo. Promotional efforts have resulted in good coverage in the Daily A; these have been the work of Erhard and Art. Nice work!

Trip: Art has submitted an informational article to the ENCORE newsletter about the upcoming Wolfhaven trip May 28; reservations need to be submitted by early April. Three day trips are planned to Neah Bay WA and Lapwai ID, related to ENCORE's study of the Indians of the Washington Coast, taught by Erhard. An Oregon Gardens trip is in the works, to be combined with Oktoberfest on Sept. 17. The membership will be polled via questionnaire about their preferences for a one or two night stay.

Old Business: none

New Business:

Tod: some discussion raised questions about the need for a review at this time; there are some passages in the current bylaws which need clarifying, such as inserting a statement about using Roberts' Rules of Order and a reference to ENCORE's goals that is unclear. Erhard will work on the review and have a draft by the March meeting. Rollie moved, Kit seconded, Erhard's appointment to chair.

Sue: the Nominating Committee (Tish Tarver, Alan Batchelder, and Sue) has convened and is working to produce a slate of officers. They are canvassing current board members to determine who would like to continue on the board for another term and will report back in March. Two board members have decided not to continue on the board; two are willing to continue. Some discussion ensued about whether or not to have more than one candidate for each office; feedback indicated that it's hard enough to get one candidate for each office sometimes and that it might be an unattainable goal. Other candidates can be written in or proposed from the floor of the annual meeting. The Nominating Committee is to be a group which looks for the best candidates for office and selects candidates based on their judgment of who can best serve. Most NomComs present a slate of candidates for office and many only present one candidate per office.

Art: a request has come in from a member to send out board minutes to the entire membership. Discussion ensued about a workable procedure for doing this. Kit proposed sending a note to the entire membership inviting those interested in receiving the minutes to send her a message requesting to be placed on the existing list of members who receive minutes. Kit will draft a message to go out through Mary/Evy and will add interested members to her list.

Meeting adjourned at 2:45 p.m.