

Meeting Minutes
ENCORE Curriculum Committee
February 8, 2016
River Room, ESD

Members present: Chairperson Reta Lindstrom, Frank Spence, Anne Gant, Sue Zerangue, Michael McGonigle, John Ryan, Tish Tarver and Erhard Gross.
Absent: Alan Batchelder, John Markham, Gregg Bonham and Donna Wright.
Guest: Liaison Mary Kemhus.

Reta called the meeting to order at 1:08 PM, and thanked the members for their presence. The January 2016 meeting minutes will be presented for approval at the March meeting. She reported that ENCORE currently has 133 members, including 29 new ones. Frank reported two additional ones that may not have been included in the count yet.

Reports:

Mary presented her graphics on the resolution commending Bernie Thomas. Art Limbird will frame it for presentation at the annual membership meeting. Mary requested the committee members' assistant in trying to locate the projector. For that purpose she handed out a list of recently taught courses that might have employed the projector in their presentation of class material.

Old Business:

1. The group reviewed the current classes. Enrollment varies widely. Well known instructors generally attract more listeners than new and unknown teachers. Special requests for courses are no guaranty for large enrollment.
2. Meeting venues for spring term will be finalized in the next few weeks.
3. Reta reported that we still have \$4,750 of the funds allocated for assistance to the Senior Center. We need to identify items that we want to purchase or help with. We still need a whiteboard and map in the Senior Center classroom, also a lectern and/or a podium. John R. wants to explore with Larry Miller the mounting of a rail with distributable hooks for suspending maps and other teaching aids. John will report back in March.

New Business:

1. John Ryan reminded the members of the Senior Center's open house on February 16.
2. Spring term runs from 3/28 to 5/20/16. The class schedule still has some gaps. Erhard is to contact the city for use of the council chamber on Thursday afternoons for his class.
3. There was consensus on using the same budget figures for the next fiscal year as for the current one.
4. Reta reminded the members that today is the final date for submission of material for the newsletter.

The next meetings will be held on 3/14/16 and 4/11/16, in the Astoria Senior Center.

Meeting adjourned at 2:45 PM.

Respectfully submitted,

Erhard Gross, Secretary