

Meeting Minutes
ENCORE Curriculum Committee
April 10, 2017
Astoria Senior Center

Members present: Chairperson Reta Lindstrom, Frank Spence, Sue Zerangue, Tish Tarver, Erhard Gross and John Markham.

Absent: Donna Wright, Alan Batchelder, Anne Gant, John Ryan and Michael McGonigle.

Guest: Mary Kemhus

Erhard (because Reta was delayed by traffic) called the meeting to order at 1:10 PM.

The March 2017 meeting minutes were approved as presented.

Mary presented the finalized Deadline List.

Old Business:

1. Reta reviewed spring classes. Enrollment varies from 24 persons in Kjirsten's philosophe course to only three in Ceramics.
2. Upon presentation of alternatives, the committee opted for October 2 as the starting date of fall term.
3. Reta then submitted the list of instructors who earned dues-free memberships for 2017-18.
4. She also emphasized that the AARP Smart driving class will be held on Tuesday, May 9.

New Business:

1. Reta announced Erhard's September 28 – 29 trip/class (Class Proposal and preliminary announcements were emailed to the members). The committee authorized financial assistance to the trip in the amount of \$100 for travel for our featured speaker, novelist Jane Kirkpatrick, \$60 for meals for her and her husband, and \$10 per trip participant for transportation. Erhard submitted as his rationale for requiring a minimum of 18 trip participants the need to secure group rates and that we should not support trips unless they are well subscribed.
2. Reta presented for general, early approval Erhard's planned course on the U.S. Constitution. In order to gauge the members' interest, the chair asked Erhard to present preliminary thoughts on a class he could develop for winter term of 2018. The topic, brought to his attention by another ENCORE member, deals with the U.S. Constitution, and specifically with legal issues that have arisen from actions of the new administration in Washington. Erhard underscored the need for an impartial presentation, possibly team-taught and perhaps even open to the public.
3. Reta announced the Annual General Membership meeting for June 1, 2:00 to 4:00 PM, Room 219, Columbia Hall. Our Mary will be the main speaker.
4. Reta foresees a strong development of pop-up classes for fall term 2017.

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Other Business:

1. Sue wishes that we offer a course along the lines of "They Love What They Do."
2. She also recommended that we make an effort to find a venue for Wednesday afternoons.
3. Erhard suggested, since he won't be teaching a long series this fall term, that we attempt to keep our foot in the door of City Hall's council chambers.
4. Frank opined that we should offer a class on dendrology.

The next meetings will be held on 4/10 and 5/8 at the Astoria Senior Center.

Meeting adjourned at 2:45 PM.

Respectfully submitted,

Erhard Gross, Secretary