

**Meeting Minutes**  
**ENCORE Curriculum Committee**

May 8, 2017  
Astoria Senior Center

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

**Absent:** Anne Gant and Michael McGonigle. **Guest:** Mary Kemhus and Judith Schlecter.

Reta called the meeting to order at 1:05 PM.

The April 2017 meeting minutes were approved as presented.

Mary did not have any particular items to report.

Sue requested the display of ceramics at the next Annual Membership meeting. Materials such as photos, etc. , from other classes may also be shown to stimulate interest in courses.

**Old Business:**

1. A review of spring classes indicated that most were reasonably well attended.
2. During the discussion of Erhard's fall term trip (for that purpose he had emailed the entire program to the committee's members), he reported that the Trip Committee had ruled that non-ENCORE members could not go on trips in the future, as it raises liability problems. This caused some consternation. Mary thought the liability issues had been definitively settled. Excluding non-members could reduce the recruiting value of trips.
3. Reta asked Frank to allow mention of the fall term trip and the Dr. Borg's program (below) at the Annual Membership meeting.
4. The AARP driving class scheduled for May 9 was deferred to a future date.

**New Business:**

1. Reta reported that the fall 2017 class schedule is evolving slowly. (Erhard is prepared to submit his course proposal for the one-day course on Forest Tree Identification, which is scheduled for October 2 and will run from 9:30 AM to 3:30 PM.)
2. Erhard announced details of Dr. Scott Borg's presentation on Antarctica. It will take place at 6:00 PM, August 17, in the Senior Center. The topics range from "the Antarctic with a bit of history, a bit on geopolitics (e.g. the Antarctic Treaty), and a brief introduction to the US Antarctic Program and the kinds of science that we support."

Erhard requested that the Board be approached for picking up the cost of the dinner for Dr. Borg, his wife and his mother. The program is open to the public and will be broadly advertised.

**Other Business:**

None

The next meetings will be held on 6/12 and 7/10 at the Astoria Senior Center.

Meeting adjourned at 2:41 PM.

Respectfully submitted,

Erhard Gross, Secretary