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“The Merger” is Nearly Complete

As mentioned last month, the Academy for Lifelong Learning and the McGrath Computing Learning Center are working to combine the two organizations into one. The work is nearing completion and the newly named *Center for Lifelong Learning* plans on going into operation for the upcoming Fall semester.

As one combined organization, members will be able to take the sort of general interest courses traditionally offered by the Academy as well as the technology driven courses that have been offered by McGrath, all from one source.

The new Center brings with it a revised fee structure. Individual Membership will be only \$35 per semester. Each course will have a registration fee determined by the number of sessions each course meets.

A new, more modern, website is being created for the combined organization. Look for the new site to “go live” this summer. It will be accessed by the same web address used by the current Academy site, aikenlearning.org.

A logo for the new organization has been created by Aubry Melvin in the Continuing Education office. It combines the lantern from the Academy’s logo with the computer “on button” symbol from the McGrath logo to capture the heritage of both groups and present a unified look going forward.



Looking Ahead to Next Semester

The final class session for the Academy’s Spring 2021 semester completed on April 26. Finishing touches are being put in place for the Center for Lifelong Learning Fall catalog, with a planned release date of early August. The Center’s first combined offering will include 30 general interest courses and 17 technology courses. Registration begins with an Open House on August 17 and will again be available in person, by mail, or online. Classes will begin right after Labor Day.

In the aftermath of the Covid-19 upheaval, UofSC Aiken is eliminating virtual classes and is returning to full classroom instruction in the Fall. As a result the University can no longer support our online virtual

classes. Going forward all Center for Lifelong Learning courses will be in-person only.

April Board Meeting

[Note: These minutes were approved at the May 3 Board Meeting.]

Present: President Harriet Haynes, Past President Jan VanSlyke (virtual), Curriculum Chair David Tavernier, Curriculum Chair-elect Steve Gordy, Publicity Chair Nancy Hughes, Webmaster Doug Wilson, Continuing Education Director Karen Edgington, McGrath Board Members Wayne Rickman and Raleigh Daniel, Continuing Education staff members Ruth Poland and Aubry Melvin, Secretary Ellen Wood.

The meeting was called to order at 2:00 pm by Harriet Haynes.

The minutes of the 3/1/21 Board meeting were approved.

Treasurer’s Report: Ruth passed out the monthly report.

Curriculum Committee: David Tavernier

David reported that 30 courses have been scheduled for the fall semester, to begin after Labor Day. All course details are due April 28 in order to be ready for the catalogue preparation.

Publicity: Nancy Hughes

Nancy noted that three ads were placed in the local paper as well as several articles by Harriet.

Webmaster: Doug Wilson - no report

Old Business:

1. Decision to request CE office to order the 10’ by 10’ canopy (approved at previous Board meeting).

New Business:

1. Academy/McGrath Merger: Committee Reports

- **Name Change:**

Majority vote in favor of Center for Lifelong Learning

- **Fee Structure:**

Unanimous vote in favor of a base \$35 registration fee, with additional charges determined by the number of sessions in a course. (see schedule)

Board agreed that the **Center** membership fee would be waived for Technology Interest (McGrath) ‘coaches’, as they are part of the instruction personnel. The Board agreed that the individual class fee should be

waived for General Interest (Academy) 'liaisons', but only for the specific class for which they are the liaison.

Discussion about the need to 'add value', such as discounts at local merchants etc, to future Center membership.

- Governing/Board Members:
Unanimous vote to accept the two governing documents, By-laws and Policies & Procedures, with editorial updates to reflect today's merger actions.
- Webpage/Spiral Magazine:
No formal action required as this had been presented in final form at the March meeting.

Doug noted that both fall under "Publicity".

2. Discussion about candidates for new **Center for Lifelong Learning** Board of Directors

Group supports the idea of a transitional Board, which would draw on the experience and knowledge of current members, as essential. Must have names in place by May meeting. New Board will take effect July 1.

President – pending

Vice President – pending

Immediate Past President (does not require a vote)

Treasurer – Discussed having a Center member as treasurer instead of CE staff. Group is favorable. Wayne recommends Will, current McGrath treasurer, and will check his availability.

Secretary – Ellen willing to continue

General Interest Curriculum Chair – Steve

Technology Interest Chair – Wayne has a person in mind and will check

Publicity Chair – pending

Webmaster (ex officio) – Jim Brown

Spiral Editor (ex officio) – Doug Wilson

3. Discussion of dates for assembling, printing, proofing and mailing of fall catalogue. Request for specific dates from CE staff at May meeting. As with the spring semester, the fall catalogue will contain all courses for Center and CE. Registration will occur both online and in person on the same days.

4. Agreed that a formal document to make the merger binding is not required but that the new Center board should approve its acceptance of the bylaws when it first meets. The bylaws can then be amended as needed going forward.

5. Board voted unanimously to proceed with plans for the November 13 Book Fair (Indie Author Day) as presented by Steve at the March meeting.

Meeting adjourned at 3:58.

Respectfully submitted,

Ellen Wood, Secretary

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