

Meeting Minutes  
ENCORE Curriculum Committee  
September 10, 2018  
Astoria Senior Center

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

**Absent:** Michael McGonigle, John Markham and Alan Batchelder.

**Guests:** Liaison Leah Olson.

Chairperson Reta called the meeting to order at 1:02 PM. The August meeting minutes were accepted as circulated.

**Report by Leah:** At Leah's request, deferred to Old Business.

**Old Business:**

1. Extraordinary Living, in Reta's assessment, was a solid success as it produced six new members for ENCORE. She pledged our support for next year's program.  
With between 80 and 90 attendees, Leah also called the program a solid success. \$420 was received in donations. One part of the program was a no-show but apologized this morning. Leah is shopping for new ideas for the program. Reducing the duration of the program seemed to make for improved attendance.  
Sue called the food for lunch excellent.
2. Erhard presented a draft proposal on the quantification of activities by members who organize trips, special events and similar time consuming efforts. Committee members who wish to make changes to his proposal are to submit those in the form of written amendments, which will be considered for finalization of the proposal at our October meeting (see reverse side of these minutes).
3. Reta reported that the fall class schedule has been printed.
4. Erhard reported the Shore Acres trip preparations are proceeding on schedule.
5. The Chinese program for March 26 of 2019 will have to find a different venue. The PAC is being considered. Erhard is also working on securing a speaker from the Chinese Consulate General of San Francisco for an afternoon presentation. No response has been received.

**New Business:**

1. Winter term will run from January 14 through March 8, 2019.
2. Reta presented a tentative list of classes for winter term of 2019. One proposal stood out. It's a class by our former CCC liaison Mary Kemhus, who will present a multi-session course on horses, including a visit to a horse show.
3. Reta has several leads on new teachers, including some who may teach in Seaside.

Next Curriculum Committee meeting: **1:00 PM, October 8,** at the Senior Center.

The meeting adjourned at 2:20 PM.

Respectfully submitted,

Erhard Gross, Secretary

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(September 10, 2018 meeting minutes of the Curriculum Committee, continued.)

### **Draft Proposal on Giving Credit to ENCORE Members Who Organize Special Activities**

By Erhard Gross

#### **Rationale for this proposal:**

The existence of ENCORE is generally based on volunteer services by its members. However, we have long known that it is necessary to reward our instructors by giving them a free membership for the year following their teaching. Without our course offerings, trips and signature events, our membership will dwindle rapidly to the point where ENCORE will cease to exist. The courses we teach are the backbone of our organization, and because we require that trips have an educational component, all of our trips are in support of our classes.

Since signature events are open to the public, they raise our profile in the communities in our area and represent an effective recruiting tool.

Organizing trips and signature programs do take lots of time. Giving people credit for these the way we reward teachers who teach at least six credits may help us in attracting persons who can render these kinds of service to ENCORE.

We need to incentivize such programs as well as field trips. The Curriculum Committee, with the assistance of the Trip Committee, proposes to our Board the following weighted guidelines:

#### **Field Trips:**

- A) Any person who teaches at least one two-hour session in conjunction with at least a one-overnight field trip should be rewarded with a full membership for the following academic year.
- B) Any person who organizes at least three one-day field trips per academic year should also be rewarded with a full membership for the following academic year.

All field trips must have a minimum number of 12 participants.

#### **Signature Events:**

Any person who organizes a signature event that is open to the public should be rewarded the same way we give credit to persons who organize field trips.

#### **Pop-up Classes:**

Any person who organizes a pop-up class with at least six sessions, of which he/she teaches at least one, should be rewarded the same way the organizers of field trips and signature events are rewarded.

It is the responsibility of the chairpersons of the Curriculum Committee and, when applicable, the Trip Committee, to administer the above mentioned categories of rewards.