

**Sarasota Institute for Lifetime Learning  
January 10, 2013 Board Meeting Minutes**

**Board Members:** Rick Banks, Robert Barylski, Bill Bell, Ruth Bell, Pat Chapman, Beth Cotner, Gene DePoris, Bob Germain, Peter Huber, Irwin Livon, Jorie Lueloff, Joan MacDonnell, Joy McIntyre, John McGruder, Mac Nicoll, Don Savage, Frances Smith-Williams, Mary Testa, Chet Thompson, Roy Turrett, Archie Woodworth

**Board Members Absent:** Don Blivas, June LeBell, Mary Lou Spottswood

**Adjuncts Present:** Al Eckes, Larry Rossini, Alicia Rossini, Harvey Wolfson

The meeting was called to order at 2:00 pm by Joy McIntyre. A quorum was present. The December Board meeting minutes were approved.

**SILL Select(Simulcast):** Gene DePoris reported that there are 1 Music and 5 Global Issues sites. The program will have a deficit this year.

**Treasurer's Report:** Mary Lou Spottswood distributed the report prior to the meeting and it is posted on the SILL website. It was noted that several large donations have been received.

**Registrar's Report:** Joan MacDonnell reported increased attendance Tuesday and Wednesday the first week in Sarasota sales were up and Venice sales were down. Sales reports will be posted on the website. The board thanked Frankie Smith-Williams for the phone coverage in an extremely busy period.

**Facilities (Venice):** Archie Woodworth requested delivery of season CD recordings as they occur rather than a package at the end of the season. Rick Banks will provide them.

**Facilities (Sarasota):** Ruth Bell reported that all went well in the first week. Few people picked up their tickets at Players before the start of the season. The board thanked Larry Rossini for his efforts to recruit volunteers.

**Marketing:** Irwin Livon reported we will be running our weekly ads on Sundays this year. We are promoting our seminars in the 5 large free Herald-Tribune ads. We have ads in SRQ Magazine. Burns Court and Lakewood Ranch Cinemas are running our slide throughout our season – 9 theaters, shows 8 times prior to start of movie.

**Technology and Website Report:** Bob Germain reported various documents have been posted on the website as they were received.

**Programming Committee Report:** Peter Huber reported that 4 speakers will have books. Moderator will show book to audience. Chet Thompson has published the Host/Moderator schedule and it is posted on the website. Board members are encouraged to have a lunch or dinner with a speaker. The guideline is 6 people.

**Music Committee:** Music report from June LeBell was read by Joy McIntyre, summarized here. Music Mondays is planning to collaborate with a variety of Sarasota-based arts organizations next season. The Music Monday committee has decided to call the 2014 season, 'Specially Sarasota, with some of our performing guests coming from important local arts-based organizations. We will also be importing about 1/3 of our roster. That segment will focus entirely on star-quality performers with international reputations that will, again, be meaningful to our audiences and bring in still more ticket buyers.

**Open Business:**

- Underwriting proposal sent to BHO Bank. They have paid for a full page ad for 2013 season.

**New Business:** Rick Banks introduced a new process allowing sales of lecture CDs at 5 Simulcast locations. Sales will be by check only. Process details are posted on the website.

The meeting was adjourned at 3:00 pm.

The next Board Meeting will be held at the Arts Council Building Friday February 8<sup>th</sup> at 2:00 pm

Bob Germain

**Sarasota Institute for Lifetime Learning  
February 8, 2013 Board Meeting Minutes**

**Board Members:** Rick Banks, Bill Bell, Ruth Bell, Don Blivas, Pat Chapman, Beth Cotner, Bob Germain, June LeBell, Irwin Livon, Jorie Lueloff, Joan MacDonnell, Joy McIntyre, John McGruder, Mac Nicoll, Don Savage, Frances Smith-Williams, Mary Lou Spottswood, Mary Testa, Chet Thompson, Roy Turrett, Archie Woodworth

**Board Members Absent:** Robert Barylski, Gene DePoris, Peter Huber

**Adjuncts Present:** Al Eckes, Lou Ann Koch, Larry Rossini, Alicia Rossini, Mustafa Yilmaz

The meeting was called to order at 2:05 pm by Joy McIntyre. A quorum was present. The January Board meeting minutes were approved. Joy McIntyre reported that speakers have been effusive about what SILL does and how it is done with all volunteers.

Archie Woodworth introduced new Adjunct Bob Moist who will become Venice Facilities Coordinator next year.

**Treasurer's Report:** Mary Lou Spottswood reported two issues – (1) should Rishikof be reimbursed for first class ticket? Resolution: Jorie Lueloff will negotiate, she is authorized to allow full expense if necessary. (2) \$500 received from Community Foundation of Western North Carolina with with no donor contact information. Bob Germain will research.

**Registrar's Report:** Joan MacDonnell reported that attendance is down in Venice, especially on Friday. Discussion on why attendance is down. Ticket prices for next year: **Motion:** No increase in ticket prices for 2014. Passed unanimously. **Motion:** Offer Venice 2 single day guest passes if they buy a season subscription. Passed with 3 opposed. Players Theatre will again distribute Sarasota tickets next year.

**Facilities (Sarasota):** Ruth Bell reported that there were problems with an unruly patron and difficulties managing the maximum number of people allowed in the Players lobby. Moderators need to emphasize need for people to arrive before 10:15. No chairs allowed in the lobby other those set out by Players. A committee will be formed to study the problems.

**Facilities (Venice):** no report

**Music Committee:** June LeBell reported that she and her committee are working on next season which, as reported in writing last month, next season - working titled "Specially Sarasota," will include about 2/3 guests from major Sarasota organizations (saving airfare and hotel), and 1/3 well-known and beloved performers from elsewhere. June will ask Itzhak Perlman (if he's still in town for the opening of SILL) whether he would open our Music Monday season. June will hire Joseph Holt and Robert Sherman to guest host a few of next season's programs, giving her a few days off during the year. June said she's lining up exceptional guest hosts to sit in on a few occasions in both Venice and/or Sarasota.

**Programming Committee:** Chet Thompson reported for Peter Huber. Bob Barylski will replace Dr Thomas Barfield who had to cancel. Dates are March 27 and 28. **Sense of Board:** Pay Bob Barylski for these lectures, donating money to Pine View School For The Gifted. Request to post Ron Haskins PowerPoint presentations. **Motion:** Allow PowerPoint presentations to be posted on the website when requested and approved by speaker. Motion passed unanimously. June LeBell suggested posting lectures on UTube. There have been problems with GWIZ as a site for seminars, plan is to look for an alternative.

**Marketing:** Irwin Livon reported that all ads are in place. All SILL program book advertisers have paid. Marketing is staying within budget. Chet Thompson proposed doing a survey at the end of the season.

**Technology and Website:** no report

**SILL Select(Simulcast):** Rick Banks reported that two sites have not yet paid

It was noted that several large donations have been received.

**Open Business:** Discussion on BMO Harris bank offer. The sense of the Board was that the Bank can sponsor the end of season reception with these stipulations: Maximum of 5 minute presentation, allow brochure to be handed out. Bank to be named as partial underwriter of SILL with free full page ad. Formal adoption of this reversal of the November motion not to accept the sponsorship offer will require a two-thirds majority.

Lou Anne Koch reported Assisted Living music program going well and will be continued.

Chet Thompson reported that SILL Emeritus group met for lunch on January 16<sup>th</sup>. Personal stories and discussion on what to do to reach a younger audience.

Mary Testa announced the end of season dinner would be in the second week of April. Final date to be determined.

Rick Banks reported no interest in offsite cd sales.

The meeting was adjourned at 3:55 pm.

The next Board Meeting will be held at the Arts Council Building Friday March 8<sup>th</sup> at 2:00 pm

Bob Germain

**Sarasota Institute for Lifetime Learning  
March 8, 2013 Board Meeting Minutes**

**Board Members:** Rick Banks, Robert Barylski, Bill Bell, Ruth Bell, Pat Chapman, Beth Cotner, Gene DePoris, Bob Germain, Irwin Livon, Jorie Lueloff, Joan MacDonnell, Joy McIntyre, John McGruder, Don Savage, Frances Smith-Williams, Mary Lou Spottswood, Mary Testa, Chet Thompson, Roy Turrett, Archie Woodworth

**Board Members Absent:** Don Blivas, Peter Huber, June LeBell, Mac Nicoll

**Adjuncts Present:** Al Eckes, Lou Ann Koch, Bob Moist, Larry Rossini, Alicia Rossini, Mustafa Yilmaz

The meeting was called to order at 2:00 pm by Joy McIntyre. A quorum was present.

The board approved the following edit to the December 2012 Board Minutes: "Sponsorship offering was discussed. **Motion:** Approve the concept of *underwriting*, empower the executive committee and others as needed to develop a detailed plan. Passed unanimously. [changes in italics].

The February Board meeting minutes were approved.

**Open Business:** Discussion on BMO Bank offer. **Motion** by Irwin Livon: Move that we accept the offer of a \$5000 sponsor fee from BMO-Harris Bank for our annual SILL Board member dinner this year. In exchange, the bank may give a 2-3 minute talk about their company and its ongoing relationship with SILL. They may also distribute a brochure and some other small tokens. As part of the sponsorship, we will also give them a full page ad in the 2014 SILL program booklet. Motion passed – 17 approved 2 against.

**Programming Committee:** Chet Thompson reported for Peter Huber. Attendance is down at seminars. Proposed action for Venice seminar: Announcements by moderators. Create a flyer in Sarasota similar to one that is being distributed in Venice. Committee met 3/14. Next year speakers mix: 60% returning, 40% new. Focus on including more women. Recommend a return to GWIZ for seminars. Recommend increase in base honorarium from \$500 to \$750. There was a discussion on honorariums. Sense of board that committee is empowered to set honorariums within the line item budget. Projection is that GI will be \$15000 under budget, Music \$3000 over budget.

**Music Committee:** no report

**Treasurer's Report:** Mary Lou Spottswood reported two issues – (1) Rishikof graciously accepted \$350 for air fare and wants to return to SILL. (2) Concern that spending on board members attending lunches and dinners with speakers was excessive and possibly outside IRS guidelines for non-profit organizations. Chet Thompson and Mary Lou Spottswood will review the situation with a tax lawyer.

**Registrar's Report:** Joan MacDonnell reported that attendance is down in Venice. There is a need for someone to handle registrar duties at Venice lectures next year. Frankie Smith-Williams noted that 20% of the phone calls received were about Venice.

**Facilities (Sarasota):** Ruth Bell reported that things were running smoothly. Volunteer lunch scheduled on April 4<sup>th</sup> at Café Baci. Bill and Ruth Bell will step down and be replaced next year by Alicia Rossini with assistance from Larry Rossini.

**Facilities (Venice):** Archie Woodworth reported only 6 signed up for Venice seminar. Last year, none of the 8 who signed up showed up for the seminar. Peter Huber has asked for free tickets for spouses of those who sign up for this seminar.

**Marketing:** Irwin Livon reported that all ads are in place.

**Technology and Website:** Bob Germain reported that website has been updated adding a link on front page noting change of speaker from Thomas Barfield to Bob Barylski.

**SILL Select(Simulcast):** Gene DePoris reported that he has collected overdue money owed by Kobernick House. Attendance is down at Plymouth Harbor and Sarasota Bay Club. Music attendance at Plymouth Harbor is down enough to cause re-evaluation of continuing the program next year. It was noted that the sites owe SILL an evaluation at the end of the season.

Rick Banks reported that at the end of 9 weeks 537 cds have been produced. Martin Walker by far the most popular with 101 cds. Players Theatre will remove the last 3 rows of seats and put 100 chairs in the open area. Gain of 8 seats in first row, net loss of 4 seats. SILL is helping the startup of an organization similar to SILL in Albuquerque, NM.

**Other Business:** Joy McIntyre noted that voting via email is permitted if proposition is distributed and signed. Sense of the Board was not to pursue this.

The meeting was adjourned at 3:35 pm.

The next Board Meeting will be held at the Arts Council Building Tuesday April 9<sup>th</sup> at 9:30 am

Bob Germain

**Sarasota Institute for Lifetime Learning  
April 9, 2013 Board Meeting Minutes**

**Board Members:** Robert Barylski, Bill Bell, Ruth Bell, Don Blivas, Beth Cotner, Gene DePoris, Bob Germain, Peter Huber, Irwin Livon, Jorie Lueloff, Mac Nicoll, Joan MacDonnell, Joy McIntyre, John McGruder, Don Savage, Frances Smith-Williams, Mary Lou Spottswood, Mary Testa, Chet Thompson

**Board Members Absent:** Rick Banks, Pat Chapman, June LeBell, Roy Turrett, Archie Woodworth

**Adjuncts Present:** Al Eckes, Lou Ann Koch, Bob Moist, Larry Rossini, Alicia Rossini, Harvey Wolfson, Mustafa Yilmaz

The meeting was called to order at 9:30 by Joy McIntyre. A quorum was present.

The March Board meeting minutes were approved. 2014 board meetings will on the same schedule as this year, 2:00 pm on the second Friday January-March, 9:30 am on the second Tuesday of the month for the rest of the year. There will be no meetings June-September. All contracts are in place except for GWIZ. BMO bank has declined to sponsor the annual SILL Board member dinner.

New Adjunct Craig Marion was introduced by Peter Huber.

**Treasurer's Report:** Mary Lou Spottswood reported that all expenses are not in yet. The projected final year-end report is planned for the May meeting. After a discussion on meal expenses, it was agreed that the guideline is 6 people including the speaker. It is the host's responsibility to meet the guidelines.

**Registrar's Report:** Joan MacDonnell reported that attendance totals for the year were down, mostly in Venice but also Tuesday in Sarasota. Revenue was up.

**Facilities (Sarasota):** Ruth Bell announced that she and Bill Bell are retiring. Alicia and Larry Rossini will take over. The volunteers lunch was well received by all. Players Theatre has asked for shared labor to remove the lobby chairs after a lecture.

**Facilities (Venice):** Bob Moist proposed advertising in the Gondolier next year. He is looking into getting some of the Venice hearing devices repaired.

**Marketing:** Irwin Livon reported his committee is working on next year's budget. There will be focus on advertising for Venice and Sarasota Tuesday.

**Technology and Website:** Bob Germain will provide a list of speakers by date with rating from Tom Meyers' data as requested by Beth Cotner.

**Programming Committee:** Peter Huber reported that 10 speakers have been selected. There will be 6 seminars, including one in Venice to be scheduled earlier in the season than this year to improve attendance. Japan will be a new topic next year. There is a need to get all information to Mary Testa as early in June as possible to facilitate sending out of contracts. **Motion** by Peter Huber: Make Plymouth Harbor the venue for seminars. Motion passed unanimously. Larry Rossini will investigate moving of SILL storage from GWIZ to a rented facility.

**SILL Select(Simulcast):** Gene DePoris reported that simulcast technology was better than last year but not entirely glitch free. He will get feedback from venues. Revenue was \$17,620, expense approximately \$25,000. Mary Testa noted that the program is not meeting its goal to at least break even.

**Nominating Committee:** John McGruder announced slate of officers for 2013-2014

- President: Irwin Livon
- Vice President: Mary Testa
- Treasurer: Mary Lou Spottswood
- Secretary: Bob Germain

Al Eckes has resigned as Adjunct.

**Other Business:** Joy McIntyre reported for Rick Banks on CD sales. Martin Walker 105, Molly Williamson 49, Amb Stapleton Roy 44, Hassan Mneimneh.

**New Business:** Peter Huber reported that Chet Thompson and Tom Meyer are developing an audience survey to be conducted using a Constant Contact electronic form.

The meeting was adjourned at 11:25 am.

The next Board Meeting will be held at the Arts Council Building Tuesday May 14<sup>th</sup> at 9:30 am.

Bob Germain

**Sarasota Institute for Lifetime Learning  
May 14, 2013 Board Meeting Minutes**

**Board Members:** Rick Banks, Robert Barylski, Don Blivas, Beth Cotner, Gene DePoris, Bob Germain, Peter Huber, Irwin Livon, Jorie Lueloff, Mac Nicoll, Joan MacDonnell, Joy McIntyre, John McGruder, Don Savage, Mary Testa, Chet Thompson, Roy Turrett

**Board Members Absent:** Bill Bell, Ruth Bell, Pat Chapman, June LeBell, Mary Lou Spottswood, Archie Woodworth

**Adjuncts Present:** Al Eckes, Lou Ann Koch, Bob Moist, Larry Rossini, Alicia Rossini, Harvey Wolfson,

The meeting was called to order at 9:35 by Joy McIntyre. A quorum was present. The April Board meeting minutes were approved.

Joy McIntyre distributed notebooks containing committee procedures that have been submitted by board members. A future edition will include board policies. This material will be posted on the website.

Peter Huber introduced new Adjunct Jeff Oleson, a retired foreign service officer.

Chet Thompson introduced new Adjunct Jim McGee, a retired foreign service officer.

New Adjunct Bob Deutsch, a retired foreign service officer, was unable to attend the meeting.

All three are serving on the Programming Committee.

**Treasurer's Report:** Distributed via email. **Motion** by Beth Cotner: Adopt budget as presented in distributed budget overview document previously distributed via email. Approved unanimously.

**Registrar's Report:** Joan MacDonnell reported season ticket sales on schedule in Sarasota. Proposal to improve SILL phone response by obtaining a phone service that allows building a phone tree. **Motion** by Chet Thompson: Spend up to \$1000 to implement this plan. Approved unanimously.

**Music:** Report distributed via email.

**Facilities (Sarasota, Venice):** No reports.

**Marketing:** Irwin Livon reported there is a meeting scheduled with GroupEFO to plan 2014 booklet contents.

**Technology and Website:** No report.

**Programming Committee:** Peter Huber reported that 20 of 24 lecture slots have been committed, 18 scheduled. Seminars will be held at Plymouth Harbor. Up to 5 seats will be guaranteed available for Plymouth Harbor residents. Terry Savage is available for special seminar on Thursday January 16<sup>th</sup>. There was a Sense of Board approval for a \$750 honorarium.

**SILL Select(Simulcast):** Gene DePoris reported that there would be 5 sites for Global Issues. There will be no Music simulcast.

**Nominating Committee:** John McGruder announced Mary Testa will chair the Nominating Committee.

Proposed board officers and new members:

- President: Irwin Livon
- Vice President: Mary Testa
- Treasurer: Mary Lou Spottswood
- Secretary: Bob Germain
- Larry and Alicia Rossini (Facilities – Sarasota)
- Mustafa Yilmaz (Marketing)

Slate of candidates approved unanimously. Bill Bell, Ruth Bell and Archie Woodworth have resigned from the board.

**Old Business:** Larry Rossini reported on the moving of SILL storage site from GWIZ to The Lock Up Storage Center, 1003 N. Orange Ave. Contract has been signed. The rate is \$129 per month.

**New Business:** Rick Banks proposed purchasing a better camera for lobby projection at Players Theatre. **Motion** by Beth Cotner: Approve up to \$1200 for purchase of a new camera. Approved unanimously.

The meeting was adjourned at 11:35 am.

The next Board Meeting will be held at the Arts Council Building Tuesday October 8<sup>th</sup> at 9:30 am.

Bob Germain

**Sarasota Institute for Lifetime Learning  
October 8, 2013 Board Meeting Minutes**

**Board Members:** Bob Barylski, Gene DePoris, Bob Germain, June LeBell, Irwin Livon, Mac Nicoll, Joan MacDonnell, Joy McIntyre, John McGruder, Alica Rossini, Larry Rossini, Don Savage, Frankie Smith-Williams, Chet Thompson, Roy Turrett, Mustafa Yilmaz

**Board Members Absent:** Rick Banks, Don Blivas, Pat Chapman, Beth Cotner, Peter Huber, Jorie Lueloff, Mary Lou Spottswood, Mary Testa

**Adjuncts Present:** Bob Deutsch, Lou Ann Koch, Craig Marion, Jim McGee, Harvey Wolfson

The meeting was called to order at 9:35 by Irwin Livon. A quorum was present. The May Board meeting minutes were approved.

**Treasurer's Report:** Distributed via email.

**SILL Select(Simulcast):** Gene DePoris reported that 4 of 5 projected sites for Global Issues have committed. Studio 26 will again simulcast the Thursday Sarasota lectures.

**Registrar's Report:** Joan MacDonnell reported season ticket sales in Sarasota up 100 over last year. Sarasota Monday and Thursday are sold out. There have also been some Venice sales. The new phone system is operational. Six orders received, total of 10 messages.

**Facilities (Sarasota):** Alicia Rossini reported that volunteers are ready to go. Crowd control is the biggest issue.

**Marketing:** Mustafa Yilmaz reported that there will be emphasis on Venice advertising. There will be radio spots on WUSF and WSMR. There will be advertising in H-T Style magazine and a paid ad in Venice Goldolier. Bob Barylski suggested that a flyer should be created now to plug Sarasota Tuesday.

**Technology and Website:** Bob Germain reported that the 2014 Program booklet is on schedule. Camera ready copy has been transmitted to the printer. Printer galley proof approval scheduled for 10/9/13. Books will be mailed and ready for distribution last week in October. A pdf copy is on the website, link on the Board page.

**Programming Committee:** Bob Barylski reported that the card room at Plymouth Harbor will be the Sarasota seminar venue. There are 10 people on the Programming Committee. All 24 speakers have been engaged for 2014 season. He suggested that seminars need emphasis excluding the first 2 whose popular speakers sell out anyway. There was discussion about the maximum number of attendees at the seminars. Board members are asked to request attendance in advance.

**Music:** June LeBell reviewed the list of artists for the 2014 season. All W9 forms have been signed. Suggested lunch venues are Mattisons 41 and Oak Club. There is a prospect of having the same person appear on Monday Music and also do a Global Issues lecture.

**New Business:** Joy McIntyre brought a request from Artist Series to review the SILL bylaws. This was approved by sense of the board.

The meeting was adjourned at 11:00 am.

The next Board Meeting will be held at the Arts Council Building Tuesday November 12<sup>th</sup> at 9:30 am.

Bob Germain

**Sarasota Institute for Lifetime Learning  
November 12, 2013 Board Meeting Minutes**

**Board Members:** Rick Banks, Bob Barylski, Don Blivas, Pat Chapman, Beth Cotner, Gene DePoris, Bob Germain, Peter Huber, Irwin Livon, Mac Nicoll, Joan MacDonnell, Joy McIntyre, Alica Rossini, Larry Rossini, Don Savage, Frankie Smith-Williams, Mary Lou Spottswood, Mary Testa, Chet Thompson, Mustafa Yilmaz

**Board Members Absent:** June LeBell, Jorie Lueloff, John McGruder, Roy Turrett,

**Adjuncts Present:** Bob Deutsch, Lou Ann Koch, Craig Marion, Bob Moist, Jeff Oleson, Harvey Wolfson

The meeting was called to order at 9:30 by Irwin Livon. A quorum was present. The October Board meeting minutes were approved.

**Treasurer's Report:** Mary Lou Spottwood distributed forms to update signatory powers for checks in current fiscal year. Finance committee will meet to determine how to invest funds with safe rate of return.

**Registrar's Report:** Joan MacDonnell reported all season ticket sales are up over last year except for seminars. The new phone system has received over 300 calls with 53 messages. Callers are benefiting from the wealth of information available to them from the stored messages.

**Facilities (Sarasota):** Alicia Rossini reported that Players has proceeded to remove some permanent seats to be replaced by configurable temporary seating. It is likely that the net will be several extra seats. Sarasota volunteers have been organized. Rick Banks reported that 2014 season is the last to be able to use the overflow parking at Players. We will monitor what solution Players comes up with for its own patrons. A quality camcorder has been purchased for lobby projection. A longer range laser pointer has been purchased. Players projector is no longer operational, they are looking for a possible donated replacement.

**Facilities (Venice):** Bob Moist reported that projectionist for Music Mondays at Unitarian Universalist Congregation of Venice has retired. Interviews to replace him are scheduled. It is likely that this will become a paid position.

**Marketing:** Mustafa Yilmaz reported that there will be 25 spot ads on WUSF, used mostly to promote Tuesday events. Ads will begin a few days before the event. A contract has been signed. Ads are being prepared for local newspapers. Focus is on Tuesdays and seminars. We are again receiving free ad space from the Herald-Tribune. Harvey Wolfson is working on an article about SILL that will appear in the Gondolier

**Technology and Website:** Bob Germain reported that the 2014 Program booklet has been printed and distributed to Sarasota and Venice. Booklets were mailed Friday 11/8. 2014 season was made available on website on October 15<sup>th</sup>.

**Programming Committee:** Peter Huber reported that GI lecture series has a strong opening week lineup featuring Amb Thomas Pickering and Molly Williams. Contracts have been signed. The Host/Moderator Schedule has been created by Don Savage and published on the website. It will be updated as required. Board members must contact the host if they wish to attend a lunch/dinner with a speaker. A maximum of 6 people including the speaker will be allowed. There are 8 speakers with books, a list will be posted on the website. The new honorarium amount of \$750 was accepted by all but 1 speakers, one other speaker declined an honorarium. Paying an honorarium for board members was discussed. **Resolved:** That a board member who gives a Global Issues lecture shall receive the standard honorarium of \$750 per lecture. Passed with 1 opposed. A meeting will be held with Plymouth Harbor to discuss seminar logistics.

**Music:** Irwin Livon reported for June LeBell that all is in place for the 2014 season and there are no issues.

**SILL Select(Simulcast):** Gene DePoris reported that 5 projected sites for Global Issues have committed. Two contracts have been signed, one payment received.

**New Business:**

- Mary Testa agreed to handle arrangements for the annual Christmas party to be held on the date of the next board meeting December 10<sup>th</sup>.
- Irwin Livon reported interest by the Sarasota World Affairs Council in SILL support of their venture. Consensus is to do nothing now, monitor their progress.

The meeting was adjourned at 11:15 am.

The next Board Meeting will be held at the site of the Christmas party December 10<sup>th</sup> at 9:30 am.

Bob Germain

**Sarasota Institute for Lifetime Learning  
December 10, 2013 Board Meeting Minutes**

**Board Members:** Rick Banks, Bob Barylski, Pat Chapman, Beth Cotner, Gene DePoris, Bob Germain, Peter Huber, Irwin Livon, Jorie Lueloff, Mac Nicoll, Joan MacDonnell, John McGruder, Joy McIntyre, Alica Rossini, Larry Rossini, Don Savage, Frankie Smith-Williams, Mary Lou Spottswood, Mary Testa, Roy Turrett, Mustafa Yilmaz

**Board Members Absent:** Don Blivas, June LeBell, Chet Thompson

**Adjuncts Present:** Bob Deutsch, Dwight Hoover, Lou Ann Koch, Craig Marion, Jim McGee, Jeff Olesen, Harvey Wolfson

The meeting was called to order at 9:30 by Irwin Livon. A quorum was present. The November Board meeting minutes were approved.

**Treasurer's Report:** Mary Lou Spottwood reported that \$250,000 will be transferred from Sun Trust Bank to Bank United to secure a better interest rate. Current balance is \$774,000.

**Registrar's Report:** Joan MacDonnell reported season ticket sales are up 200 over last year, Tuesday is up 100. After the SILL article in the Herald-Tribune, phone calls were up by a factor of 4.

**Facilities (Sarasota):** Alicia Rossini reported Sarasota is staffed and ready to go. New seating plan at Players will seat 536 people. A new projector has been installed. A full simulcast test at Players is scheduled for next week. A replacement sound person at UUC church in Venice has been found.

**Facilities (Venice):** no report

**Marketing:** Mustafa Yilmaz reported that there will be a focus on Venice. Ads have been placed in the Gondolier, Venice Magazine and Gulf Coast Living. There will be additional ad in the Herald-Tribune in January. Events will be posted in Herald Tribune and Gondolier community calendars. The editor of the Herald Tribune will be contacted with a suggestion to interview speakers.

**Technology and Website:** Bob Germain reported that the GI series pre-lecture PowerPoints and bio sheets prepared by Craig Marion are completed and ready for distribution.

**Programming Committee:** Peter Huber reported that a list of speakers to be evaluated will be created. Tom Myers will continue to compile the data for posting on the website. A list of speakers using PowerPoint has been compiled. A letter of agreement with Plymouth Harbor on hosting the seminars has been signed. The card room is a good environment for the seminars. The room has 4 rows of 10 seats with 10 additional seats in the back of the room. Catering will serve cookies, coffee and tea. Board members wishing to attend a seminar are asked to email Joan MacDonnell.

**Music:** Irwin Livon reported for June LeBell that negotiations for Holley Hall backup room for overflow are still ongoing. Holley Hall has a camera with limited capacity, wide angle and static.

**SILL Select(Simulcast):** Gene DePoris reported that the 5 sites for Global Issues have signed up. Two contracts have been signed, one payment received. A positive cash flow for the 2014 program is anticipated.

**New Business:** Friends of SILL names were inadvertently omitted from the 2014 SILL booklet. These 21 names will be included in next year's book. All will receive a letter from the President

The meeting was adjourned at 11:00 am.

The next Board Meeting will be held at the Arts Council Building Friday January 10<sup>th</sup> at 2:00 pm.

Bob Germain