

**Sarasota Institute for Lifetime Learning  
January 8th, 2025 Board Meeting Minutes**

**Board Members:** Adrienne Cipolla, Mike Boorstein, Beth Cotner, Bob DeFillippi, Jane DeFillippi, Bob Deutsch, Bob Germain, Marshall Greenwald, Joe Holt, Susan Hook, Craig Kennedy, Sue Lewis, Bob Lieber, Jerry Luhman, Jeff Olesen, Michael Shacket, Ed Swan, Kathie Westpheling

**Board Members Absent:** Bob Barylski, Karen Brown, Teresa Morris, Richard Rose, Betsy Traba

**Adjuncts Present:** Craig Marion, Paul Westpheling

The meeting was called to order at 3:00 pm by Jeff Olesen.

A quorum was present. The December Board Meeting minutes were approved.

**New Adjunct:** Rosanna White was appointed as Adjunct

**Treasurer's Report:** Marshall Greenwald reported SILL has \$1.720 million with Community Foundation. Checking account balance is \$70,300, Money Market \$51,400.

**Registrar's Report:** Jerry Luhman reported at the end of December, sales down only 3% below last year. January sales \$10,430. Tix scanning at First Church on January 7<sup>th</sup> went smoothly. 112 Jeh Johnson tickets handed out.

**Global Issues:** Beth Cotner reported that all is going well for 2025 season. Host Moderator schedule has been updated.

**Marketing:** Michael Shacket reported for Karen Brown 3 eblasts were sent out in December each resulting in sales spikes. Michael Shacket and Jane DeFillippi named co-leaders for the Jeh Johnson lecture.

**Music Mondays:** Joe Holt reported that the 2025 season is off to a good start

**Venice Operations:** Craig Kennedy reported that all is ready for the 2025 season.

**LWR Operations:** Teresa Morris reported all contracts have been signed. An initiative for asking restaurants to offer a freebee is under way.

**Technology and Website:** Bob Germain reported that the Global Issues and Music pre-lecture slides for January have been created and distributed. Restaurant discount coupon for Lakewood Ranch created and printed.

**SILL Volunteers:** Bob DeFillippi noted that new volunteer names should be sent for timely ordering of name badges.

**SILL Select:** Susan Hook reported there are now 8 paid SILL Select locations.

**Long Range Planning:** Jane DeFillippi reported for Teresa Morris noted competition - OLLI at Ringling College presents "Listening to Women" at 7 Speakers, \$90 for the Series.lecture and The History Uncovered Series from The Observer at 3 Speakers, lecture series \$99 or \$300 for series plus lunch with the Speaker \$125.

The meeting was adjourned at 4:05 pm.

The next board meeting will be 3:00 pm, February 12<sup>th</sup> at the Arts Building with Zoom.

Bob Germain, Secretary

**Sarasota Institute for Lifetime Learning  
February 12th, 2025 Board Meeting Minutes**

**Board Members:** Bob Barylski, Karen Brown, Mike Boorstein, Adrienne Cipolla, Beth Cotner, Bob DeFillippi, Jane DeFillippi, Bob Deutsch, Bob Germain, Marshall Greenwald, Joe Holt, Susan Hook, Craig Kennedy, Sue Lewis, Bob Lieber, Jerry Luhman, Teresa Morris, Jeff Olesen, Richard Rose, Michael Shacket, Ed Swan, Betsy Traba, Kathie Westpheling

**Board Members Absent:**

**Adjuncts Present:** Carmine Cipolla Paul Westpheling

The meeting was called to order at 3:00 pm by Jeff Olesen.

A quorum was present. The January Board Meeting minutes were approved.

**New Adjuncts:** Robert Rosenberg, Thomas See and Amy Vrampas were appointed as Adjuncts

**Treasurer's Report:** Marshall Greenwald reported SILL has \$1.673 million with Community Foundation. Checking account balance is \$78,000, Money Market \$99,000. Annual checking account signatory meeting at the bank will be scheduled. Insurance declaration form for signatures was circulated. A resolution was passed to add Marshall Greenwald, Jeffry Olesen, Robert Germain and Susan Lewis as signatories on both the checking account and money market account at Truist Bank.

**Registrar's Report:** Jerry Luhman reported at the end of January, sales up 27% above last year. Next year subscribers will receive a single ticket for use throughout the season. **Motion:** Raise single ticket price to \$20. Passed by majority vote. **Motion:** Add Tuesday Video on Demand. Passed unanimously. *The board recognized Jerry Luhman for his years of outstanding service.*

**Global Issues:** Beth Cotner reported that all is going well for 2025 season. Host Moderator schedule has been updated.

**Marketing:** Karen Brown reported advertising in Herald Tribune, Observer and Venice Gondolier. The cost of the Jeh Johnson event will be under \$10,000.

**Music Mondays:** Joe Holt reported that the 2025 season is off to a good start

**Venice Operations:** Craig Kennedy noted that the ownership change of the Venice Community Center will require SILL to find a new venue in 2027. Best candidate is Venice Presbyterian Church

**LWR Operations:** Teresa Morris reported the season is going well.

**Technology and Website:** no report

**SILL Volunteers:** Bob DeFillippi noted that the SILL volunteer lunch will be at TripleTail on Thursday April 3<sup>rd</sup>

**SILL Select:** no report.

**Long Range Planning:** The annual SILL planning meeting will be held in the Arts Building on April 14th

**New Business:** Beth Cotner announced that the annual SILL dinner will be held at The Oaks Country Club, Friday April 4<sup>th</sup> at 6:00.

The meeting was adjourned at 4:05 pm.

The next board meeting will be 3:00 pm, March 12<sup>th</sup> at the Arts Building with Zoom.

Bob Germain, Secretary

**Sarasota Institute for Lifetime Learning  
March 12th, 2025 Board Meeting Minutes**

**Board Members:** Bob Barylski, Karen Brown, Mike Boorstein, Adrienne Cipolla, Beth Cotner, Jane DeFillippi, Bob Deutsch, Bob Germain, Marshall Greenwald, Joe Holt, Susan Hook, Craig Kennedy, Sue Lewis, Bob Lieber, Jerry Luhman, Jeff Olesen, Richard Rose, Michael Shacket, Betsy Traba, Kathie Westpheling

**Board Members Absent:** Bob Deutsch, Bob DeFillippi, Teresa Morris, Ed Swan

**Adjuncts Present:** Carmine Cipolla, Robert Rosenberg, Thomas See, Amy Vrampas, Paul Westpheling

The meeting was called to order at 3:00 pm by Jeff Olesen.

A quorum was present. The February Board Meeting minutes were approved.

**New Adjuncts:** Nancy Bortinger was appointed as Adjunct

Jeff Olesen noted that we are having our annual planning retreat, Wednesday April 16th 10am-3pm Arts Building.

**Treasurer's Report:** Marshall Greenwald reported SILL has \$1.714 million with Community Foundation. Checking account balance is \$47,650, Money Market \$99,000. He cautioned that revenues are overstated because the entire donation received from the Giving Challenge was recorded in revenues. Expected ticket revenues about \$300,000 in this year. The 2026 Budget Worksheet has been distributed. Responses are due by Friday April 4th.

**Registrar's Report:** Jerry Luhman reported ticket sales for 2026 will start Saturday March 15<sup>th</sup> with order forms available at the venues. Next year subscribers will receive a single ticket for use throughout the season. The Week 9 attendance report has been distributed

**Global Issues:** Beth Cotner noted that all but 3 lecture slots for 2026 have been filled. **Motion:** Increase honorarium per lecture from \$1000 to \$1500. Passed unanimously. Host Moderator schedule has been updated.

**Marketing:** Karen Brown reported targeted advertising for Lakewood Ranch. The Marketing Committee is planning for next year.

**Music Mondays:** Joe Holt reported that the 2025 season is going well. Church of the Palms is an excellent venue for future special events

**Venice Operations:** Craig Kennedy noted that the ownership change of the Venice Community Center will require SILL to find a new venue in 2027. Best candidate is Venice Presbyterian Church

**LWR Operations:** Richard Rose noted Lakewood Ranch attendance has increased. Cornerstone Church will remain the venue in 2026.

**Technology and Website** Bob Germain noted that the website update announcing 2026 ticket sales is ready to go

**SILL Volunteers:** Jane DeFillippi noted that the SILL volunteer lunch has space for 65 people. Nancy Bortinger will be will be the Lakewood Ranch Wednesday team leader.

**SILL Select:** Susan Hook reported that a new venue has been added.

**Long Range Planning:** No report.

The meeting was adjourned at 4:00 pm.

The next board meeting will be 3:00 pm, April 9<sup>th</sup> at the Arts Building with Zoom.

Bob Germain, Secretary

**Sarasota Institute for Lifetime Learning  
April 9th, 2025 Board Meeting Minutes**

**Board Members:** Bob Barylski, Karen Brown, Mike Boorstein, Adrienne Cipolla, Beth Cotner, Jane DeFillippi, Bob Deutsch, Bob Germain, Marshall Greenwald, Craig Kennedy, Sue Lewis, Jerry Luhman, Teresa Morris, Jeff Olesen, Richard Rose, Michael Shacket, Ed Swan, Betsy Traba, Kathie Westpheling

**Board Members Absent:** , Bob Lieber, Joe Holt, Susan Hook

**Adjuncts Present:** Nancy Bortlinger, Carmine Cipolla, Robert Rosenberg, Thomas See, Amy Vrampas, Paul Westpheling

The meeting was called to order at 3:00 pm by Jeff Olesen.

A quorum was present. The March Board Meeting minutes were approved.

**Nomination Committee:** Beth Cotner presented the committee report. Proposed officer slate: Jeff Olesen President, Mike Boorstein Vice President, Marshall Greenwald Treasurer, and Bob Germain Secretary. Board members whose terms expire in 2024 are to be reappointed to 3 year terms ending in 2027. Paul Westpheling nominated for board.

**Motion:** Approve slate of nominees, and term updates. Motion passed unanimously

**New Adjuncts:** Elizabeth Behnke and Susan Catlette were appointed as Adjuncts

Jeff Olesen noted that we are having our annual planning retreat, Wednesday April 16th 10am-3pm Arts Building.

**Treasurer's Report:** Marshall Greenwald reported SILL has about \$1.6 million with Community Foundation. Checking account balance is \$43,000. Money market account balance \$99,000 with plan to move \$75,000 in a CD. Budget for 2025-6 was presented, noting expenses are considerably higher with increased honorariums and is weak on revenue. **Motion:** Pass budget as presented. Passed unanimously.

**Registrar's Report:** Jerry Luhman reported ticket sales for 2025 were 1% lower than last year. Sales for 2026 end of March \$11450 and April is off to a good start. A detailed description of the Registrar's duties has been prepared and circulated. Next year subscribers will receive a single ticket for use throughout the season. **Motion:** Global Issues tickets can be used only for the series and venue purchased for. Passed unanimously.

**Global Issues:** Beth Cotner noted that all lecture slots for 2026 have been filled. It was noted that a speaker could receive \$4500 in the unlikely event only 2 lectures were delivered.

**Marketing:** Karen Brown noted that all advertisers for the coming season have been contacted. Two ebcasts per month are planned for the rest of the year.

**Music Mondays:** Betsy Traba reported for Joe Holt all artist slots have been filled. The last performance will feature Joe Holt and Betsy Traba.

**Venice Operations:** Craig Kennedy noted that Venice Presbyterian Church declined use for Global Issues venue. Location for 2027 remains open. Volunteers are set for next season. Susan Catlette will be the Venice Music Monday team leader.

**LWR Operations:** Teresa Morris noted the contract with Cornerstone Church has been signed. An A/V person is needed.

**Technology and Website** Bob Germain noted that an interactive shared database for Volunteer lists has been created using Google Sheets

**SILL Volunteers:** Jane DeFillippi noted that a package of 12 Flex tickets was donated as a raffle item for the Plantation Community Foundation. The SILL volunteer lunch was a big success. \$310 has been spent for new badges, multiple requests for duplicate badges by board members. A standard description of volunteer duties is needed. Request to the board for any suggestions on how volunteers could be used in the off season. Nancy Bortlinger will be will be the Lakewood Ranch Wednesday team leader.

**SILL Select:** no report.

**Long Range Planning:** No report.

**Audio/Visual:** Nancy Cabral noted audio sales of 245 vs 198 last year. Request that line for Audio/Visuals be added to the Registrar income reporting form and a line for what topics for future lectures should be added to the Evaluations form. Credit card sales option should be available longer at each session

The meeting was adjourned at 4:30 pm.

The next board meeting will be 3:00 pm, October 8<sup>th</sup> at the Arts Building with Zoom.

Bob Germain, Secretary