

PLATO BOARD OF DIRECTORS MEETING MINUTES  
Friday, April 15, 2011 - 9:30 a.m.  
Mt. Olive Lutheran Church, 110 N. Whitney Way, Madison WI

**Present:** Judy Sadowsky, Marv Beatty, Harold Green, Mike Lovejoy, Mary Boyd, Frank Power, Barry Orton, Tim Otis, Arden Trine, Scott Kolar, Ann Falconer, Wendy Kerr.

- I. CALL TO ORDER** – J. Sadowsky called the meeting to order at 9:30 a.m.
- II. MINUTES** – The minutes of the March 18, 2011, meeting were accepted with one minor correction. Scott Kolar and Frank Power were in attendance as new Directors at-Large.
- III. TREASURER’S REPORT** – The F’10-11 budget will be available and shared soon. Standing chairs should submit their budgets to Ved by early May so he can prepare the budget for F’11-12. An allocation should be made in the F’11-12 budget for The Agora.
- IV. REPORTS FROM STANDING COMMITTEES**
  - A. Outreach – Will start working on the June Persimmon. Will consider adding to the membership form the option of receiving mailings by U.S. mail or email.
  - B. Curriculum and Facilities – We continue working on the issue of disruptive classroom behavior. Guidance is being sought from other student, nonprofit and membership type organizations. Summer classes are being solicited for the Summer Schedule. Will work on scheduling a Coordinator Appreciation Luncheon.
  - C. Special Events – May 2 at 1:15 is the next committee meeting. Everything is set for the Annual Luncheon. Have several committee members interested in serving on a bus trip sub-committee. Approximately 100 people attended the Taliesin lecture. April 29 is next special events lecture at Ag Research Station.
  - D. University Relations – MOA language regarding PLATO having full control over programming is a concern for DCS and it will be reviewed for editing.
  - E. Leadership Development – Will report in May.
  - F. UW Foundation/Endowment Fund – Still working on the initial draft statement of purpose. Donations can only be received from PLATO members. Donations are tax deductible. Potential uses of donations: programming expenses, scholarships, space.
  - G. Scholarship Committee – The adult student Scholarship Reception is April 26. Several PLATO representatives will attend.

- H. Website Task Force – A new web design and content have been developed and submitted to Celeste Anton, DCS’s webmaster. Celeste is working on the revisions. Some of the pages will include: organization page, FAQ page, Publications, Membership, About and a revamped Home page. Discussed how to post notices of announcements on the web.

**V. Old Business**

- A. Orientation – Tim Otis recommended that the Spring and Fall Previews would be excellent opportunities to take advantage of by using these gatherings to welcome and orient new members. Other venues are being looked into for the Previews. Tim also tentatively plans to hold an orientation for new Board members in June and suggested a welcome letter be sent to members as they join or renew.
- B. The Positive Aging Lecture Series has been scheduled for this summer. A flyer is in production.

Meeting adjourned at 11:23 a.m. Next meeting will be: Friday, May 20, 2011, 9:30 a.m., Mt. Olive Lutheran Church.

Respectfully submitted,

Wendy Kerr