

COMMUNITY EDUCATION COMMITTEE MINUTES

September 17, 2007

Present: Patti Cameron, Mike McCreary, Dorothy Schmid, Dave Sherck, Denise Snodgrass, Becky Welch, Doug Williams (Chair).

The meeting was called to order at 2:00 pm by Chair Doug Williams.

The minutes of the July 16, 2007 meeting were approved with one correction: the paragraph describing Patti Cameron's report on the Leadership Training for Older Persons program was corrected to refer to a six-week class instead of an eight-week class.

There was a discussion of the date for the October meeting, which must be changed from the scheduled date of Monday, October 15, 2007, because of the Chair's absence on that date. It was agreed to reschedule the meeting for Friday, October 19, 2007, at 9:00 am. At the October meeting, we will focus on new ideas for programs, lectures, etc.

Denise Snodgrass began with a report on the Leadership Asheville Seniors program. Enrollment is 33 people because of two last-minute cancellations that did not allow sufficient time to find replacements. The planning looks solid for all eight weeks. Denise also noted that the Leadership Asheville Forum will have present a forum entitled "City Elections: Partisan or Non-Partisan" on Thursday evening, October 11, at the Reuter Center. An anniversary celebration for LAS and LAF that was initially scheduled for October will be rescheduled to allow the UNCA Chancellor to be present.

Patti Cameron reported that the recently concluded Leadership Training for Older Persons class went well, and her written report will be forthcoming. The theme of health and wellness helped in recruiting for the class, and Patti welcomed ideas for future themes.

Patti also reported on the Smith Barney Intergenerational Computer Literacy Program, which is about to commence for the fall term. She needs one more teacher, which she does not expect to be a problem, but she also needs more Reuter Center volunteers for mentors. Two of the three classes are full, and Patti expects the third to fill as well based on recent press coverage.

Mike McCreary reported on the Blue Ridge Naturalist program. Fall enrollment was good, although a few classes were canceled because of low enrollment. There were not enough multi-week classes to make revenue strong, but the winter term will have more "bigger ticket" classes. Courses designed for training teachers and docents and workshops designed specifically for elementary school teachers should also strengthen revenue. Mike will also be offering more Blue Ridge "heritage" classes, such as mountain remedies, crafts and traditions.

The meeting was adjourned at 3:37 pm