

Minutes of March 13, 2007 meeting of the Community Education Committee, NC Center for Creative Retirement

Present: Doug Williams, Joyce Weinberg, Susan Poole, Len Pardue, Michael McCreary, Denise Snodgrass

Denise updated the committee on plans for an event celebrating the 25th anniversary of Leadership Asheville and 20th anniversary of Leadership Asheville seniors. It will be a dinner, and admission will be charged. Date is 5/3, with place and featured speaker still to be determined. But LAS alums are alerted to save the date, and to offer to help with planning/staging the event. Alums of LTOP will also be invited, and Denise will explore whether discount tickets can be offered to those who might need them. LAS classes might use the event for a reunion, and get together to reserve tables.

Denise and Michael reported that registration for spring CFS and BRN classes had gone smoothly. Both praised Mike Honnicutt for his skillful planning and oversight of registration. Mike's the Reuter Center's IT specialist.

Michael said BRN's spring classes were attracting good numbers of students, and he's already working on plans for the fall term. He's planning a questionnaire for Reuter Center participants and members of the wider community to see what additional classes BRN should consider offering.

For a half-hour or so, the committee discussed the definitions of Community Education and Community Outreach. Education for service, with opportunities for outreach, seemed to encapsulate the CE committee's mission, with appropriate collaboration with the CO committee. We all seemed to like the notion of CE proposing to the Membership Committee one-shot forums, with individual speakers or panels, on subjects related to BRN or LAS. Work projects that BRN or LAS sponsored (but invited other RC members to take part in) were also mentioned as logical components of CE -- again in collaboration with the CO committee. Creating a year-round LAS advisory committee, charged with encouraging LAS service efforts, seemed a good idea to some of us.

The group agreed to meet from 130 to 3 pm on these Mondays: April 9, May 14, June 11

A meeting room -- 102B -- has been reserved, but always check the notice board.

Submitted by Len Pardue