

Minutes of Community Education meeting, Oct. 27, 2005

--next meeting: Thurs 12/8, 1230 to 2 pm, Room 207 -- brown bag if you like.

\*\*pending items (see #3 & #4)

Present: Alan Singleton (vice chair, Steering Council, NC Center for Creative Retirement), Joyce Weinberg, Lettie Polite, Dave Sherck, Herman Lankford, Mary Ann Randby, Len Pardue (committee chair), Shirley Tenney, Paul Merriken, Elaine Dey, Doug Williams, Jeanie Martin (director, Blue Ridge Naturalist), Denise Snodgrass, assistant director, CCR)

1. We heard from Alan, Denise and Jeanie about ways this brand new committee can begin to help the programs for which it exercises oversight: Leadership Asheville Seniors and Blue Ridge Naturalist -- with Leadership Training for Older Persons (currently on hold, pending funding) a likely third program area.

2. Denise said she hoped the committee would focus on how well programs are working and how we can help make them better. She encouraged committee members to take active roles with one of the programs.

3. Jeanie reviewed the origins of Blue Ridge Naturalist and outlined current & future programs, which have attracted strong interest. She said BRN plans to issue certificates to those who complete a specified curriculum and asked for advice on requirements for the certificate. Committee members were asked to email her with suggestions [jmartin@unca.edu].

4. Denise said she's accumulated from evaluation forms a variety of suggestions for changes and additions to LAS. She said she could use help evaluating those suggestions. [Any volunteers?]

The meeting adjourned at approximately 2 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

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