

## ***Minutes of Curriculum Committee 11 September 2008***

*Members Present Jim Almquist, Don Lambert, Bill LaGrange, Jan Breitman, Sam Wormley, Carol Phillips, Anita Beal, Clair Keller, JoAnn Brown, Phyllis Crouse, and Laurent Hodges. Members Absent Marti Rasmussen*

- 1) There was a discussion of the catalogue content and the dates for preparation.
- 2) Anita Beal reminded the group that she would leave in October and return in May so some details of her work will need to be carried by others.
- 3) The minutes of the last meeting were approved after the Spy Wars course instructor was designated as Larry Brown rather than Larry Campbell.
- 4) **Winter 09 Courses were discussed:**
  - a) Clair Keller will teach a course [W09-04] entitled Travels and Travails of George Washington.
  - b) The Home Computer Security course by Sam Wormley is on track.
  - c) The Going Green course by CA Phillips has several recommended speakers and seems on track.
  - d) The Story of Railroads has no report but Marti Rasmussen seems to have it on track.
  - e) The Landscape for Iowa Literature course is under discussion and Bill LaGrange has four potential authors lined up.
  - f) The Art Beyond the Museum is on track with Anita Beal having 4 topics lined up -- Ivan Hanthorne: Bonsai as Art, Dennis Dake: Advertising as Art, Tom Beell: Cinematography as Art, Wesley Shank: Architecture as Art.
  - g) Ames Water Supply has been scratched.
  - h) The Cooking for One course was discussed and more work needs to be done.
  - i) The Mark Twain course is OK.
  - j) The Issues in Women's History course will not be given but there may be a 4 week course in Spring 09.
  - k) The Poker course is OK.
  - l) The Computer courses are OK.
- 5) Jan Breitman discussed equipment for the Reiman Family Ballroom.
- 6) **Spring 09 Courses were discussed:**
  - a) The Industry course was discussed by Don Lambert and seems on track.
  - b) The Middle East course was discussed by Don Lambert with considerable discussion of the possibility that Adrian Bennett may return. This is not yet settled.
  - c) The Great Decisions course is on track for both Ames and Des Moines.
  - d) The Geology course with Carl Vondra is OK.
  - e) The Digital Photography courses are OK.
  - f) The Books and Literature course has been scratched.
  - g) The Issues in Women's History may be a 4 week course in Spring 09.
  - h) The Water Colors course will be investigated by Jan Breitman.
  - i) The What is There? course by Frank Rizzo is OK.

- j) The Cold War's Spy Wars course by Larry Brown is OK.
- k) The Ames Authors course will be pursued by Anita Beal.
- l) The 4H course probably will be moved to Fall 09.
- 7) Carol discussed the call for Alumni Association volunteers.
- 8) Jan announced that they are pretty well moved-in and that enrollment was over 500 for Fall 08. The money for the Osher grant is here but it will be a few days before the money can be spent.
- 9) Jan and Doug discussed issues that need to be considered for a Membership program. Ideas are requested for a discussion to begin in Winter.

Respectfully submitted:

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