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BOARD OF DIRECTORS MEETING AGENDA
July 17, 2026 - 10 a.m., Hybrid (Tallwood Dining)

Meeting Agenda

Item	Time	Location
1. Welcome & Opening Remarks	10:00 - 10:15	Tallwood Dining
2. Approval of Minutes	10:15 - 10:30	Tallwood Dining
3. Presentation of Financial Report	10:30 - 10:45	Tallwood Dining
4. Presentation of Course Proposals	10:45 - 11:00	Tallwood Dining
5. Presentation of Other Business	11:00 - 11:15	Tallwood Dining
6. Meeting Adjourns	11:15 - 11:30	Tallwood Dining

Financial: Ensure long-term financial stability that keeps pace with growing membership, support program needs, and operates with transparency and efficiency.

- An update on the credit card fee solution was requested. USA e-Play will allow us to add whether this will work with our current budget. Since it is looking like we will be able to transfer from Cardpoint to the new system, we will have less effect for the winter term.
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Programs: Offer a range of quality classes and activities that reflect the interests of the members and offers opportunities to expand knowledge, explore topics, and engage in intellectual discussions.

- Steve and I met with RCC to discuss our partnership and strategic ways to improve the program and engagement.
- The new member fee for service agreement with FCHP for 2026-2027 for \$10K.
- The fall catalog is with the printer. A total of 112 courses will be offered including the 2026 theme celebrating the 25th.

Year-to-date Budget Summary Report through May 31, 2026

Category	Budget	Actual	Variance	% Variance	Actual to Date	% Actual to Date
Operating Expenses	\$1,100,000	\$1,050,000	\$50,000	-4.5%	\$1,050,000	95.5%
Capital Expenses	\$100,000	\$100,000	\$0	0%	\$100,000	100%
Revenue	\$1,200,000	\$1,150,000	\$50,000	-4.2%	\$1,150,000	95.8%
Net Income	\$200,000	\$150,000	\$50,000	-25%	\$150,000	75%

Photos by Paul Van Hemel

Board of Directors Meeting at Tallwood, July 17

July 24, 2026

Editor of the Week: Deborah Kruesi

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Alerts & Notices

- Note: Member parking is available in the Fairfax Swimming Pool parking lot. If you park there, use only the half of the lot closest to Tallwood.
- The next issue of *OLLI E-News* will be published Friday, July 31; the regular deadline for submission of items is Tuesday, July 28, at 6:00.
- Look for your fall term catalog in the mail. If you do not receive a catalog by the end of July, please contact the OLLI Mason office.
- OLLI Mason will be closed for summer break during the first two weeks in August.

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"Got Course Ideas?" ... Join the HSS/CE



By Camille Hodges, HSS/CE Planning Team Chair

OLLI is known for its great course ideas. In case you were unaware... many of these ideas come directly from you! We at OLLI need to know what courses/topics strongly reflect your interest and/or your desire to know more about. Also, let us know of any topics you would be willing to teach at OLLI. Our members are our strength when it comes to course proposals.

Check out the current catalog and decide which category might best support your area of expertise. Also, if you have personal contact with people who would be great OLLI instructors, please invite them to present as well.

The Humanities and Social Sciences/Current Events (HSS/CE) team is committed to inviting presentations that support many areas including psychology, politics, cultural interests, inter- and intrapersonal interactions, human culture, ethics, and cultural awareness. Our team meets virtually three or four times per year and communicates continuously.

To join the HSS/CE programming team, here's the link: program@gmu.edu.

Got course ideas? Here's the link:

Editor's Note: This article appeared in an earlier E-News edition. It is repeated here to encourage member participation in program planning for HSS/CE.

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Pardon Our Mist



By John McAndrew, Board Member and Dirty Knee Club Member

Have you come to class and been showered upon, almost tripped over a hose, or found yourself on an extremely wet sidewalk? Well, sorry about that, it's the work of the Dirty Knee Club (DKC), also known as the Landscaping Committee, here at OLLI. We are OLLI members working to keep our flower gardens alive and well during this extremely hot summer. So far, so good.

There are six DKC members, and we could use three more people. We are an active, fun, kind bunch who enjoy making things nicer. We water the gardens in pairs; it's more fun doing things together. We also have call-up meetings where the whole club gets together to make improvements or just have lunch, depending on the time of the year. If you are interested, please contact John McAndrew at 703-508-7088 (call or text).

BTW - We try to water in the morning because the water evaporates more slowly and helps mitigate pesky conditions like powdery mildew and fungus. Besides, it's easier on the DKC members negotiating the intense heat. We truly appreciate your patience and understanding. Please take a moment to enjoy the beauty of the landscape surrounding your campus.

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Poet's Corner

Courtesy of the Poetry Workshop

There is a silo in Centreville, Virginia at the intersection of Machen Road and Centrewood Drive.

THE ABANDONED SILO

The silent silo sits by the road

In the sprawling town of Centreville.

Once part of a huge farm,

Someone decided to leave it—

An odd relic of the past.

Once storing corn and grain,

Now what does it contain?

Memories of bygone years.

Tumbles in its silo head

Cows, goats, pigs, and a horse

All gone, but without remorse.

—Joan Lunsford

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At this time, there are no performances scheduled for Arts & Music at Mason.

Meetings & Clubs

Please note: OLLI Meetings and Clubs may currently take place in several formats: some are in person only, some are online only, and some are hybrid, meaning that they take place in person and are accessible online simultaneously. OLLI events and activities meeting online bear the identification "Z" in their course or event number (except clubs; you may need to check the [OLLI calendar](#) and daily schedule email for location and other event information).

The following list covering the next two weeks is extracted for your convenience from the master online calendar maintained by the office. The list is accurate as of mid-week. *Note: All OLLI members are welcome at, and encouraged to attend, meetings of the Board of Directors, committees and resource groups, kick-off coffees, etc. The OLLI office has sent (or will send) emails with links and meeting passwords to club members.*

Fri Jul 24	9:30 am 9:30 am	Photography Club Crafts and Conversation
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	12:00 noon	Chair Yoga and More – online	
	1:30 pm	French Conversation and Happy Hour – online	
Sat Jul 25	10:30 am	Tai Chi Club – online	
Mon Jul 27	9:15 am	OLLI Artists Club	
	9:30 am	What's in the Daily News? – online	
	10:00 am	Board Game Club	
	10:00 am	Bridge Club	
	4:00 pm	Family History/Genealogy Club – online	
	4:00 pm	Chair Yoga and More – online	
Tue Jul 28	2:00 pm	Chair Yoga and More – online	
	4:30 pm	Tai Chi Club – online	
Wed Jul 29	11:50 am	Investment Forum	
	11:50 am	Literary Roundtable – online	
	12:00 noon	Chair Yoga and More – online	
Thu Jul 30	3:00 pm	Chair Yoga and More – online	
	4:30 pm	Tai Chi Club – online	
Fri Jul 31	9:30 am	Crafts and Conversation	
	10:00 am	Mah Jongg Club	
	11:00 am	Homer, etc. – online	
	12:00 noon	Chair Yoga and More – online	
Sat Aug 1	10:30 am	Tai Chi Club – online	
Mon Aug 3	9:30 am	What's in the Daily News? – online	
	10:00 am	Board Game Club – online	
	11:00 am	Poetry Reading Club - online	
	4:00 pm	Chair Yoga and More - online	
Tue Aug 4	2:00 pm	Chair Yoga and More – online	
	3:45 pm	Caregivers Support Group – online	
	4:30 pm	Tai Chi Club – online	
Wed Aug 5	12:00 noon	Chair Yoga and More – online	
	2:00 pm	Memoir and More Writing Group – online	
	4:00 pm	Spanish Club – online	
Thu Aug 6	11:50 am	All the News – online	
	3:00 pm	Chair Yoga and More – online	
	4:30 pm	Tai Chi Club – online	
Fri Aug 7	9:30 am	Crafts and Conversation	
	11:00 am	Homer, etc. – online	
	12:00 noon	Chair Yoga and More – online	
Sat Aug 8	10:30 am	Tai Chi Club – online	

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