

DRAFT TSO Events Committee Meeting
April 17, 2015

(No minutes were submitted for an April 17, 2015 Events Committee Meeting. Not sure if a meeting was held. Following is the Events Committee report made at the May 20, 2015 TSO Council Meeting.)

Events Committee Report – Jerry Harkleroad, Chair, reported the following.

1. Planetarium – With the help of Ron Hobbs, this event went well on Friday, May 15. Of the 60 reservations, 56 attended.
2. Elections for TSO Council for the July 2015-June 2016 term – With one voting day remaining, Thursday, 5/21/15, 88 ballots having already been received, we were notified that our voting mechanism would need to be relocated because the BC Board of Trustees would be visiting North Campus that day.
3. Economics discussion club – An organizational meeting is scheduled for Fri., 5/22/15.
4. Movie discussion club – An organizational meeting is scheduled for Wed., 6/3/15, 10:30 a.m.-12:00 p.m.
5. Summer lectures, presentations and considerations:
 - a. Alessandro Regio lecture possibilities – He is available to do a series during the weeks of July 12, 20, and/or 27. These dates conflict with regular TELOS summer quarter classes, but Angela has encouraged us to proceed, because the lectures are such a good educational opportunity. Alessandro suggests controversial and values-based topics that would challenge people's ideas about making changes in their thinking, e.g., abortion, Benghazi, earned income, how young people learn in our current higher education structure, etc. He would like to send readings ahead of time to frame the conversations. Eight different topics could be covered with lectures each morning and afternoon over four days, or any variation of this plan. Either or both TSO Curriculum and Events Committees may coordinate these lectures or a subcommittee assigned to do so. Attendees of Alessandro's previous series could be solicited for topic ideas.
 - i. Alessandro graduated in May from the Monterey Institute of International Studies and has been accepted into a Ph.D. program in Switzerland starting this fall. He mentioned needing financial help toward his future studies. There is some question if he meant developing a fund outside of the normal earnings for the lectures. Bill Stephens will write a letter of recommendation on Alessandro's behalf. The window of time for receipt of this letter is limited. Charges for the lectures would probably need to be separate from any contributions solicited for his education.
 - b. Geoff Garrett, of Byrd-Garrett, Estate Planning/Elder Law, is scheduled to offer a two-session mini-seminar on Tuesday, June 9, 10:30 a.m. to 12:00 noon (basic estate planning), and Thursday, June 11, 10:30 a.m. to 12:00 noon (long term care and asset protection).
 - c. Brian Sonntag, former Washington State Auditor for five terms (1993-2013), is scheduled to offer a mini-seminar on Wednesday, June 17, 10:30 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. and Tuesday, June 23, 10:30 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. The topics will be "The Role of the Auditor in Keeping Government Accountable to the People".
6. Summer picnic – It is scheduled for Thursday, August 6, 11 a.m. to 2 p.m. at the Bellevue Botanical Garden Visitor's Center. Cindy Coopersmith is co-chairing with Jerry. Food to be served is hamburgers and hotdogs barbequed by Jerry, chips, soft drinks, and something else; refrigeration is available. Five docents will be available to give garden tours until 3 p.m. Cindy's nephew's three-piece jazz band will play. Facility rental is \$35/hour for four hours; total picnic cost is estimated at \$400. The council decided that RSVPs would be requested with a \$2/apiece charge at the door. Electronic credit card charging is not yet possible.
7. Seattle Art Museum – Tour of New York Metropolitan Museum exhibits will be held Thursday, Dec. 3. Cindy Coopersmith is arranging the bus transportation.
8. Holiday Party – It is to be held the second week of December 2015, final date undecided, probably at the Unitarian Church, in Spring Hall, which is available for 1-3 hours at \$375 and \$100 for each additional hour. We would need one extra hour to decorate. Capacity is 100, includes kitchen, and the church would set up tables and chairs for us. Last year, Poppinjay's catered for 85 people for approximately \$1200. Another caterer suggested is Rosie Debjani, formerly Bill Stephens' assistant, who caters reasonably. Other locations suggested were the Bellevue Community Center (\$80/hr. with kitchen), or BC North Campus. The outside locations would

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require a liability form. As a group, we may qualify for 501c3 non-profit status. We need to check with Nora. The Events Committee will work out details.

9. Tour of Legislature, Washington State Capitol Building, Olympia, Wednesday, March 3, 2016. Cindy Coopersmith will arrange the bus transportation and appointments to meet with legislators.
10. Book Club – Chris Steele reported that attendance has decreased from 20 to 7 and that Joan Westhoff is not interested in coordinating it in the future.
11. Great Decisions Discussion Groups – Both current facilitators have indicated a lack of enthusiasm with the format, that there is too much discussion with no decisions, and that the material is dated.
12. Because book reading and discussion subjects are already covered in many regular TELOS courses, the question of whether to continue the Book Club and Great Decisions in the future is under consideration. It was pointed out that Fridays are good days to hold committee meetings and therefore not fill them with courses.