



THE MILE VIEW



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Recap of MILE's Annual Meeting

MILE's Annual Meeting was held via Zoom on Tuesday, April 26th. For those who were unable to attend, a PowerPoint of the agenda is attached at the bottom of this email. Here is a summary of the meeting items that may be of special interest to members:

- Membership Report: There are 110 MILE members for the 2021-22 academic year.
- The Curriculum Committee reported on the 44 presentations given last year with thanks to those volunteers who made them possible. (All Volunteers and Committee Members are listed at the bottom of this newsletter.) In the fall, the Committee has planned for a blend of in-person and Zoom presentations.
- The Treasurer reported on the current financial status and projected budget for the coming year. Those present voted to accept a motion to increase dues for 2022-23 to \$65 to account for programming expenses and the current low number of members.
- We reported donations to MxCC Foundation in the following amounts:

Extra MILE Fund	\$4782.60 (This is based on individual member contributions)
Scholarships	\$641.63
Red Moon Fest	\$500.00
- Those members present voted to accept an amendment to the By-Laws that required the Advisory Board Secretary to print and file minutes of meetings as hard copies in the MILE office. Going forward, minutes will be filed electronically in the MILE Google folder.
- Lorena Pulis and Nancy Liddell, who are leaving the Advisory Board, were thanked for their years of outstanding service. Elise McDermott and Charlene "Charli" Hicks were welcomed as new Advisory Board Members.
- A new slate of Advisory Board officers was elected.

Nancy Rogalsky, Chair
Elise McDermott, Vice-Chair
Alma Zyko, Secretary
Robb Evans, Treasurer

A Look Ahead to the Fall Semester

The MILE fall session will begin on Tuesday, October 4th and continue until Thursday, November 17th. Classes will be scheduled three (3) days a week. Tuesday and Thursday sessions will be in-person at MxCC from 1:30-3:30, with Wednesday classes on Zoom from 1:30-3:00. Information and registration forms will be emailed by August 15th and posted on our website, www.mileonline.org.

Annual dues will be \$65. If you know someone who might be interested in joining MILE, please pass the information along. We are a totally member-driven volunteer organization. A larger, more robust membership will keep MILE viable.

Fall Orientation will be in-person on **Thursday, September 8th**, with the program starting at 1:30 p.m., at MxCC, Chapman Hall.

Dates to remember

- August 15th** Fall semester information emailed to current MILE members and posted on the website (www.mileonline.org) by this date.
- September 8th** **MILE Fall Orientation** will be held at 1:30 p.m. in Chapman Hall, Middlesex Community College, 100 Training Hill Road, Middletown, CT.
- October 4th** **Fall semester begins in-person on Tuesdays & Thursdays (1:30-3:30) and on Wednesdays on Zoom (1:30-3:00).**
- October 12th** **Bus Trip** to Olana and Cedar Grove: Frederick Church & Thomas Cole homes in the Hudson River Valley. (Details to follow with registration materials.)
- November 2nd** Local Trip by car (TBD).
- November 17th** **Fall semester ends.**

Please consider donating to the Extra MILE Fund, Middlesex Community College Foundation, 100 Training Hill Road, Middletown, CT 06457. Funds are used to support the Magic Food Bus and students who need vital assistance.

A big thank you to our MILE Volunteers! We couldn't do it without you!

- **Hosts & Co-hosts for Zoom Presentations, Nancy Rogalsky, Chair**
John Anderson, Robb Evans, Kathy Flood, Augusta Gonzalez, Nancy Jordan, Audrey Klein, Susan Kulesza, Christi Moraga, Laurie Patt, and Jim Swol
- **Curriculum Committee, Augusta Gonzalez, Chair, Christi Moraga, Co-Chair**
Pat Branciforte, Ginny Evensen, Charli Hicks, Rose Kuhl, Susan Kulesza, and Elizabeth Tischio
- **Special Thanks to:**
Bud Sielaff, Great Decisions Facilitator
Rick Santos, MILE Publications, Room Reservations
- **Advisory Board (2021-22)**
Loretta Rubin, Chair, Kathy Flood, Treasurer; Nancy Liddell, Secretary
Rebecca Danchak (Member-at-Large), Robb Evans (Webmaster), Augusta Gonzalez (Curriculum Chair), Audrey Klein (Monitors/Weekly Session Information), Susan Kulesza (Membership), Maureen Maley (Telephone), Elise McDermott (Member-at-Large), Lorena Pulis (Member-at-Large), Nancy Rogalsky (AV/Zoom Hosts), Elizabeth Tischio (Trips), Lynne Wilks (Email) and Alma Zyko ((Member-at-Large)

This is my final MILE View as Advisory Board Chair. I want to thank you for giving me the opportunity to work with exceptional MILE volunteers and members during my term of office. Your patience and resilience in staying with MILE, especially for the past two years as we explored the world through Zoom, has reinforced my concept of lifelong learning - and MILE members exemplify it! You have all gone the extra MILE during extraordinary and unprecedented times. I will be remaining on the Board as Immediate Past Chair to support its work and the new officers. - *Loretta Rubin*