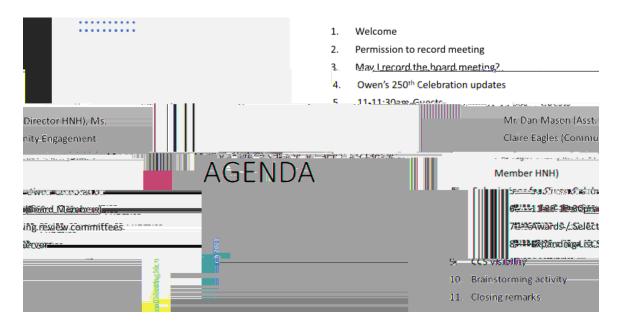
## Meeting Minutes March 26, 2021

The regular meeting of the Center for Communal Studies Spring 2021 Board of Advisors was called to order at 11:07 A.M. on March 26, 2021 on Zoom by Dr. SIvia Rode.

Greg Brown, Joshua Lockyer, Michael Strezewski, Leslie Townsend, Donald Pitzer, Marna Hostetler, Jennifer Greene, Jane Johansen, Wendy Bredhold, Carol Medlicott, Franziska Bechtel, Sarah Feagan, Slvia Rode. (Special guests: Rodney Clark, Daniel Mason, Claire Eagle)

SIvia asked permission to record the meeting. Permission was granted.



Dan Mason, Gaire Eagle, and Rodney Gark were introduced. Gaire began a presentation on 250<sup>th</sup>

and legacy. Upcoming programs in this celebration were detailed by Claire and Dan. Opportunities for involvement in this celebration include virtual conversations, panel discussions, content for social media, articles or books that may be relevant to share, and help in spreading the word about this virtual celebration. For more information, go to.

Claire invited the committee to contact her via phone or email, or to visit usi.edu/owen250 for more information.

Following the presentation, Jane Johansen asked for clarification on sharing articles or books. Claire explained that if anyone has any books or articles that have been influenced by New Harmony, Robert Owen, or related topics, to submit them so they can be shared via social media.

SIvia announced that 7 presentations have already been submitted for the Owen Celebration:

Group expressed their appreciation and interest. Rodney Clark will receive their contact info from SIvia to schedule the presentations. Don Pitzer issued a special thank-you to the staff at US and New Harmony for their work on organizing this 250<sup>th</sup> anniversary celebration despite the difficulty caused by the pandemic, and shared his experience organizing the 200<sup>th</sup> anniversary celebration in 1972.

SIvia asked who would be willing to evaluate undergrad and grad submissions, with a tentative deadline of the end of April. Carol Medlicott and Jane Johansen volunteered to do the evaluations.

SIvia asked who would be willing to evaluate travel volunteered, and Jennifer Greene offered as well. Dr	

suggested that there should be a publication tool to help people understand the purpose and importance of the CCS.

Don Pitzer asked if there might not be a scholar-in-residence program that could be developed for the CCS, wherein a scholar

collection. He also suggested establishing a virtual colloquium for the center, or a web forum where people can meet and discuss ideas, post publications, etc.

Mike Strezewski asked for darification regarding remarks about change in attitude toward CCS SIvia darified that under present budget constraints funding requests will become more difficult despite the Centers value to the university. The Center needs to rethink how it can maintain relevance for the larger USI community. Greg Brown added that the lack of community engagement from the CCS is the reason the Center lost its physical office, adding that hosting virtual colloquiums might be an effective way to boost the C the typical expenses of travel, lodging, and staff.

Greg Brown suggested establishing new CCS headquarters in a house in New Harmony. Leslie Townsend added that there is a university property in NH that is handicap

having a scholar-in-residence. Josh Lockyer agreed, remarking that establishing headquarters and bringing in funds would be the best way to catch the attention of US administration, along with hosting highly visible public events. He expressed that communal experiments are more relevant now than ever due to the Pandemic as everyone is learning how to reorganize human society.

Carol Medlicott asked whether a modest YouTube presence could be created to help bring attention to the CCS from younger demographics. Leslie Townsend agreed, adding that virtual conferences from last summer have been recorded and posted on the University YouTube channel, which have been helpful for outreach purposes and could be applied to future CCS colloquia. Jennifer Greene reminded everyone that keeping channel links updated, frequent posting is necessary to maintain the attention of . Mike Strezewski added that the University likes to see students involved, and since colloquia would mainly involve faculty, having students involved in managing and contributing to social media presences would be desirable. Greg Brown volunteered to moderate and manage CCS social media forums.

Wendy Bredhold asked if a presentation about CCS might be done at a faculty meeting to introduce people to what the CCS does. SIvia added that all UNIV 101 courses should have students visit the Archives and go to New Harmony. Greg Brown recommended that CCS keep trying to connect with other schools and other campus programs, and to create a residence location to foster a cooperative living and work environment. Jennifer added that the library now has a repository to store abstracts, and that a link to said repository

could be created so people across campus could browse or search its contents for citation purposes.		
Jennifer Greene and Carol Medlicott recommended updating		