The Spring meeting and luncheon, hosted by Chancellor Thomas George, started at noon in the beautiful Mercantile Library. Chancellor Thomas George welcomed everyone and commented on the status of the University budget as well as the efforts that are being taken to continue to strengthen the cooperative agreements with different organizations within the St. Louis area. He acknowledged the hard work and contribution made by former Chancellor Touhill and the previous administration and the efforts made by University retirees in building the St. Louis campus.

Board Treasurer, Dr. Sandy MacLean, presented the 2004-05 Annual Financial Report.

President of the Board, Dr. David Garin announced that representatives of the four Campus Retiree Associations met with President Elson Floyd earlier this year. At that meeting, President Floyd committed to providing a 1% pension increase to all University retirees effective September 2005.

The new constitution and by-laws were ratified by the members present. The new C&BL can be found on the UMSL Retirees Association website. One provision in the new C&BL is the formation of a Nominating Committee to be headed by the immediate past-president (Dr. Shirley Martin) and to have an additional four members elected at the Spring meeting. Since there were no nominations from the floor, Dr. Garin suggested that those interested should contact Dr. Martin. Four members are needed to present a slate to the membership before the next Spring meeting.

The members then voted to elect the following nominees for two-year terms:

- Treasurer: Sharon Davis
- Secretary: Costa Haddad
- Board Member: Sandy MacLean
- Board Member: Fred Wilke
- Board Member: Doris Trojacak

Dr. Garin introduced Dr. Paul Speck, Chairman of the Faculty Senate and University Assembly, who is attempting to facilitate communication between that organization and the Retirees Association.

Our first attempt at a book exchange was moderately successful with at least 12 members in attendance bringing in books to exchange.

The meeting was adjourned by 1:30 pm.