Retirees Association President Sandy MacLean opened the meeting at 10 a.m. in Room 407, Woods Hall.

PRESENT: Sandy MacLean, Joe Martinich, Judi Linville, Gary Burger, Dave Ganz, Dave Garin, Linda Royal, Steve Spaner, Lol Barton, Cindy Vantine and Maureen Zegel.

OLD BUSINESS
- Minutes from the Dec. 8 meeting were read and approved as corrected. The Treasurer’s report, dated Dec. 8 was read and approved as corrected.

NEW BUSINESS
- Lol Barton led a discussion on RA paying for printing and postage on materials, particularly the newsletter. There was agreement to get all members on electronic mailing. It will be announced at the Spring Luncheon meeting.
- Lindell Royal led a discussion on the menu for 2015 holiday luncheon and the question of changing venues (sandwich was too spicy and not enough for $20). Cindy Vantine explained that Glen Echo will accommodate dietary restrictions and the price is right. Cindy will look into charging $25 for the holiday luncheon this year.
- Lol Barton reminded everyone of the Betty Van Uum luncheon meeting April 1. There was further discussion of inviting other speakers during the year such as retired history professor Chuck Korr to talk on timely and interesting subjects.
- There was a suggestion to use “UMSL Tomorrow” to let everyone know about our events.
- A discussion on a proposed amendment to the constitution was discussed. The amendment will be included in the Spring 2016 Newsletter and will be voted on by members at the June 7 luncheon. It reads: Ex-officio non-voting members may be added to the Board with a 2/3rd majority consent of the Board. Such ex-officio members will be chosen in order to assist the Board of Directors in carrying out its duties and responsibilities.
- The Nominating Committee, Bill Connett, Clark Hickman, Zuleyma Martinez along with chair David Garin was hard at work. Incoming president will be Lol Barton. Retiring board members are: Maureen Zegel, Judi Linville and Gary Burger.
- Retiree Medical Benefits were discussed further. Official information and recommendations from the Board of Curators can be found at: https://www.umsystem.edu/trac/retiree.insurance.recommendations.faqs
UMSL RA Board member Joe Martinich, a member of the total Rewards Advisory Committee, will update the RA at the June 7 spring luncheon.

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The next meeting of the UMSL Retirees Board will be held Tuesday, June 7, 2016 preceding the annual Spring Luncheon. A tour of the new science building will be held following the luncheon.

Submitted by:
Maureen Zegel, Secretary