Association President David Garin opened the Business Meeting at 12:50 PM. He thanked UMSL Chancellor Thomas George and Professor Barbara Harbach for hosting the annual UMSL-RA luncheon and business meeting. He also thanked Director of University Events Cindy Vantine and her coworkers for arranging the luncheon event.

Garin invited Chancellor George to speak to the group and give a campus update. Chancellor George reported on the current budget negotiations between the legislature and the governor. An 8% reduction is being prepared. If the final reductions are less, the unencumbered will go to scholarships. The Chancellor went on to present many of the accomplishments by campus faculty, staff, and programs that were highlighted in his recent Chancellor’s Report to the Community [viewable at http://www.umsl.edu/chancellor/files/pdfs/CRC2011.pdf]

President David Garin reported that the RA newsletter is now being distributed via email to reduce expenses for the RA. He requested members to please provide an email address at which to receive the newsletter. He gave special thanks to board member Sharon Davis for assembling and producing the newsletter. The newsletter is available to all persons online at the UMSL-RA web site: http://www.umsl.edu/retirees/ret-news.html

Garin summarized some of the issues brought up at a meeting of campus RAs which was attended by the new system president, Tim Wolfe. RA representatives were alerted to the need to generate support for the Nov. ballot proposition to raise the state tax on tobacco. The tax goes only to education. [Update: Proposition failed]. Garin announced that the UM Press is being phased out but some publications will appear on the UM Press Facebook page.

Garin called upon Secretary Steven Spaner to present the Minutes from the last business meeting of the UMSL-RA, December 6, 2011. Spaner asked for corrections and additions to the distributed minutes. None were offered. Garin declared the minutes accepted as distributed.

Next Garin recognized Treasurer Rick Blanton to presented his report (see attached). Garin asked for a motion to accept the treasurer’s report. Motion to accept was offered and passed.

Finally Garin recognized Past President Shirley Martin to present the slate of nominees for the two open RA officer positions and the three open RA board positions. This year the president and vice-president officer positions were to be elected. Martin, as nominating committee chair, presented the committee’s slate of David Garin for president, David Ganz for vice-president. The nominating committee slate for the three 2-year board positions were Lawrence Barton, Gary Burger, and Donald Phares. President Garin called for nominations from the floor. Hearing none, nominations were closed and a motion to elect the slate of nominees by acclamation was moved. The slate of nominees were elected unanimously.

The 2012-2013 UMSL-RA officers and board members are: David Garin, president; David Ganz, vice-president; Steven Spaner, secretary; Rick Blanton, treasurer; Shirley Martin, past
president; and Gary Burger, Lawrence Barton, Don Phares, Sharon Davis, Harry Gaffney, Mary Pogue Banis, board members.

Finally, president Garin announced that the UMSL-RA Holiday Lunch will be held Tuesday December 4, 2012 at the Glen Echo Country Club.

President Garin wished all members a good summer and adjourned the meeting at 1:25 PM.

Respectfully submitted,

Steven Spaner
UMSL Retirees Association Secretary
UMSL Retirees Association
Treasurer’s Report

June 5, 2012

Beginning Balance 12/1/2011: $5028.09

Deposits from
12/02/2012-05/29/2012
   Holiday lunch $1360.50
   Life memberships $ 281.00
   Annual dues $ 805.00

Total Deposits $2446.50

Expenses from
12/02/12- 05/22/2012
   Fall newsletter $ 146.00
   Glen Echo rental $1927.50
   Spring newsletter $ 699.86
   Bank correction $  15.00
   Stamps $    45.00

Total Expenses $2833.36

Balance on 05/30/2012 $4641.23

Submitted by:

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Rick Blanton, Treasurer