University of Missouri-St. Louis Retiree's Association Meeting

December 13, 2016 Glen Echo Country Club 11:30 a.m.

President Lol Barton called the meeting to order.

Report from the President

Retirees should have received information on the new insurance plan and made a decision in October. The new insurance cards should be received before the end of December.

The newsletter and meeting minutes are available on the Retirees website.

Parking permits are available at the Parking and Transportation office near the north Metrolink station.

New Membership cards will be printed soon.

Cindy Vantine has books available at the table for exchange. Dr. Barton thanked her for all of her assistance to the group.

The minutes from the June 2016 meeting were accepted.

Report from the Chancellor

Encouraging news:

Due to a realignment process, the budget is now balanced. Although enrollment is down for degree seeking students, overall enrollment has increased. We have a diverse student population.

The pay scale for starting salaries of our graduates is 4th in the State. Of the 96,000 UMSL alumni, 2/3s remain in the area. Our campus has high rankings for the programs in International Business, Criminology and Criminal Justice, and the online Nursing Program. The University has received many awards and high rankings. For complete information, please review the 2016 Chancellor's Report to the Community on the Chancellor's website.

University Challenges:

Follow through on realignment of the budget Increase enrollment Increase the number of faculty.

Deferred maintenance is an issue.

The new UM President, Mun Choi, will be starting on March 1.

Christopher Spilling, professor in Chemistry, has been appointed as the interim Provost. The search for a permanent provost is in process.

Treasurer's Report

There is a current balance of \$6702.75. Membership benefits can be found on the retirees' website. A parking permit for members may be obtained in the Parking and Transportation office on campus.

Dr. Barton introduced the Board members and asked for nominees to the many committees of the Association.

Events Committee

On Friday, December 16, Wendell Smith will host a lunch and trip to the Museum of Transportation. The group will meet at 11:30 at the Greek Orthodox Church for lunch and then head over to the Museum for a tour. A copy of the Church menu and prices was distributed. There will be no charge to the Museum.

Zuleyma Tang-Martinez is working with the Alzheimer's Association and the department of Gerontology to sponsor an event on Alzheimer's. The event will be held in April 2017.

Grace Kennedy is working with Steve Spaner on a winery tour for late spring or early summer.

Sandy MacLean announced members of the Nominating Committee.

There seems to be a problem with all members getting emails about events. The president will look into the matter.

The next meeting of the association will be in June 2017 in the J. C. Penney Lobby.

The meeting adjourned at 1:35 p.m.

Mary Ellen Heckel Secretary