

University of Missouri-St. Louis
Retirees Association Board Meeting
April 21, 2017

President Lol Barton opened the meeting at 9:00 a.m. in 411 Woods Hall.

Members present: Lawrence Barton, David Ganz, David Garin, Mary Ellen Heckel, Charles Korr, Sandy MacLean, Steve Spaner, Zuleyma Tang-Martinez.

Members absent: Hal Harris, Joe Martinich, Linda Royal, Wendell Smith.

OLD BUSINESS

Minutes

The minutes of the December 13, 2016 Board meeting and Association meeting were reviewed and accepted with minor emendations.

Treasurer's Report – Steve Spaner

The current balance is \$6593.43. That includes \$1702.00 in income from membership dues, holiday luncheon fees and donations. Liabilities for new membership cards and the Country Club luncheon totaled \$1811.32.

The new membership card was distributed. It has two membership categories: annual and life-time. Discussion ensued about how to reach members with no contact information on file. Cindy Vantine has a list of all retirees but the Treasurer only receives a list of association members. The holiday luncheon is drawing more people due to the use of Cindy's all retirees list

NEW BUSINESS

A **Task Force on Membership Issues** is being created. Members will include Chuck Korr, Steve Spaner, Wendell Smith, Cindy Vantine and Hal Harris. The charge of the committee will be to ensure the mailing lists are consistent and that new retirees are added to the list; determine how to include vested employees who leave before retirement age. Lol Barton will check with Athena to see if UM has separate campus retiree mailing lists.

UMRA meeting

The next meeting will be held on May 4. Suggested agenda items are: how do other campuses handle their membership lists; status of the Total Rewards committee; issues with United HealthCare. Steve Spaner, Chuck Korr, Joe Martinich, and Lol Barton will be attending. Wendell Smith will be asked to participate.

Jill Pollock is the interim UM HR director. The group will ask that she look into Erin's proposal from two years ago.

A satisfaction survey regarding UHC insurance was considered by our group but we agreed it was too early to do so.

UM Newsletter

Items to mention are the two events held by the association and the two association meetings.

Spring Luncheon

The next Board meeting will be held on June 6 and will be followed by the Spring Luncheon in the Summit Lounge. After the luncheon, we hope to offer a tour of the new business building. It was suggested to ask the Chancellor if he wishes to invite the new President to the June retirees meeting.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

Membership. The association is subsidizing the Holiday Luncheon. Fourteen retirees attended who are not members. To increase membership, we could send out a notice that future communications will be sent via email unless they inform us of their preferred address. Another option to improve number of paid members would be to get the pension list from UM.

An “associate category” could be used for those who are non-tenure track. We could obtain board approval or we could just accept all who wish to be members of the retirees association.

EVENTS

The **Transportation Museum** trip in the fall started with a luncheon. Those who attended the museum tour were impressed.

The **Alzheimer’s presentation** in April was well attended and given rave reviews. It was suggested that it be offered again and that it be advertised more on campus.

Future Events

The group suggested Wendell Smith organize another tour of the transportation museum that would showcase cars.

A wine country tour is being planned for fall 2017.

Zuleyma Tang-Martinez suggested a future event on Villages Movement. There is an annual fee for older adults. The movement is designed to keep older adults socially and mentally active, and to provide assistance to help them stay in their homes instead of going to a nursing home. Currently only residents in St. Louis and University City are eligible.

Items for the Communications Committee were discussed earlier in the meeting.

The Nominating Committee is working on a list of nominees. It was suggested women or minorities be solicited but the group has not had any success. Board members and a secretary will be nominated. With Cindy Vantine’s retirement, the Board needs to plan how to thank her at the December holiday luncheon. Will there be a replacement for Cindy?

The next Board meeting will be June 6 at 10:30 and will be followed by the spring luncheon.

The meeting ended at 10:30 a.m.

Mary Ellen Haeckel
Secretary