

DRAFT

MINUTES
UMSL Retirees Association
Board of Directors Meeting
335 Woods Hall

Thursday, August 16, 2018

Members present: Lol Barton, Mark Burkholder, Dave Ganz, Clark Hickman, Chuck Korr, Deb Kettler, Fern Mreen, Mike Murray, Steve Spaner, Tom Schnell, and, Zuleyma Tang-Martinez

Members absent: Joe Martinich

Guest: Wendell Smith

Parking was difficult. President Deb Kettler called the meeting to order at about 10:10 a.m..

I. Secretary's Report

The Minutes of the June 7, 2018 Board meeting were approved as submitted. (See attached.)

II. Committee Assignments

A. Membership

Clark Hickman agreed to serve as Chair. Tom Schnell and Steve Spaner would also serve; Steve in his role of maintaining records and assisting in recruitment.

B. Communications

Mark Burkholder agreed to serve as chair. Lol Barton would continue to update the web page and Clark Hickman would continue as Facebook page manager. Lol Barton expressed a consensus opinion that there is a need for a Newsletter editor to present lively and fun information for and about retiree members, i.e., anniversaries, marriages, and death notices along with relevant stories re travels, and our Retirees Association shared events, etc..

C. Events

Mike Murray will serve as chair with Wendell Smith and Zuleyma Tang-Martinez as committee members. Grace Kennedy would also be asked to serve.

D. Nominations.

As per the bylaws Chuck Korr will serve as committee chair.

III. Activity Reports

A. Member/Event Planning -

Steve Spaner reported that the Fall Winery Tour was successful last year and plans are being made to do it again this year. Zuleyma Tang-Martinez similarly suggested repeating the Alzheimer's symposium event and possibly a visit to Cahokia Mounds. A visit to the "Sunken City" exhibit at the Art Museum was reported by Mark Burkholder as being excellent; perhaps too late for an organized event since it closes on September 9, but worth a visit. Another suggestion was an organized tour of the renovated Gateway Expansion Museum at the Arch.

B. UM System Update Presentation Event -

An e-mail was received by President Deb Kettler announcing UM System President Mun Choi's presentation on Fri., Sept. 14, 10:00 am, at the Missouri Theater, UM-Columbia. She will represent our UMSL Retiree Association perhaps with another Board member. Another message received from Linda Cook of UM announced a meeting of the four campus RA Leadership Teams on either Sept 27 or October 25. Our team would be the President, Secretary, Treasurer, President-elect and past-President. Deb will confirm attendance and ask for volunteers in the event that members could not attend. Mike, Fern and Lol said they could not attend.

C. Communications -

Mark Burkholder reported a need for two board members to assist. Clark Hickman reported 73 UMSL retirees are posted to the RA Facebook page but not all are dues-paying members. Lol Barton noted that there were 74 at the Spring Luncheon. Lol was warmly complimented for managing the RA Web Page for the last two years and we are grateful that he will continue at least for a while. Lol noted the new section, "Events Archive" which is a work in progress. He asked for photographs of the Alzheimer's event and Wendell agreed to send some.

D. Membership -

Wendell Smith suggests consideration of a selected RA representative to attend UMSL retirement parties and enthusiastically advise retirees of RA benefits. Tom Schell indicated he will help in this area.

IV. Treasurer's Report

Steve Spaner presented our 8/16 Treasurer's Report. Lol Barton happily noted the 50% increase in our total assets over last year (see attached).

V. Holiday Luncheon - cost, date, speaker

President Deb Kettler will gather information re available dates, speaker, and costs and advise accordingly. Hopefully, we can book the Glen Echo Country Club for an evening during the 1st week of December, ideally December 6. All retirees will receive an invitation. Ideas were suggested as to how to make this event as much fun as possible. Zuleyma suggested wearing her reindeer apparel and perhaps others could think about a festive holiday item to wear to stimulate humor and enjoyment.

No further business or announcements were made and the meeting adjourned around 11:45 a.m..

(Most all board members went from the Board meeting to the Ferguson Brew House for lunch and more informal conversation and enjoyable socializing. Food was ordered from the menu and each paid their own way.)

Respectfully submitted, Fern Mreen

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