

UNIVERSITY OF MISSOURI-ST. LOUIS
Retirees Association Meeting
August 12, 2016

Retirees Association President Lol Barton opened the meeting at 10:00 a.m. in 407 Woods Hall.

PRESENT: Joseph Martinich, Steven Spaner, Wendell Smith, Harold Harris, Zuleyma Tang-Martinez, David Ganz, Linda Royal, Lawrence Barton and Mary Ellen Heckel.

EXCUSED: Chuck Korr, Cindy Vantine, Sandy MacLean.

- **President's Report**
The proposed new retirees health plan is our priority for this year. The association meeting will be held on December 13 at Glen Echo Country Club.
- **OLD BUSINESS**
 - Approval of Minutes.
A change was made to the March 16, 2016 minutes. Steven Spaner and Lawrence Barton should be listed as in attendance.
 - Treasurer's Report
Steven Spaner presented the treasurer's report. The current balance is \$6625.30. The report was approved.
In order to increase membership, it was suggested that a booth be set up at the general meetings to see if any non-members in attendance would like to join the association. It might be helpful to let them know of the benefits by joining the association. Regarding those members in arrears, Steve noted that some do not have emails and therefore he is unable to make contact.
- **NEW BUSINESS**
 - Schedule of Meetings
Meetings for this year will be at 9:00 a.m. on the following Fridays: September 23, December 13 (before full association meeting), April 21. The June meeting date is scheduled by the Chancellor. The Board will meet on that date before the full association meeting.
 - Committees
 - Nominating Committee.** Chaired by Sandy MacLean. The committee will be set at the December meeting.
 - Membership Committee.** Steven Spaner, Treasurer and Charles Korr, President Elect are ex officio members. Hal Harris agreed to serve.
 - Communications Committee.** The Board decided that the newsletter would be a committee responsibility. Mary Ellen Heckel ex officio as secretary; David Ganz, Lawrence Barton who will also manage the web page. It was recommended that the committee submit information to the UM System to be included in their retiree newsletter.
 - Events Committee.** Chuck Korr ex officio member, Wendell Smith, chair, Zuleyma Tang-Martinez, Linda Royal, Shirley Martin. Former members Bev Sporlander and Grace Kennedy will be asked to serve. Suggestions for the Committee: bring back the 'lunch bunch' .
 - Proposed Ad Hoc Committee on Retiree Benefits.** Joe Martinich gave some background information on the Total Rewards Committee and his abrupt termination on the

committee. Wendell Smith moved, and Linda Royal seconded the motion: *Ask the President of the UMSL Retirees Association to write to the UM President and convey our concern and underrepresentation on the Total Rewards Committee. We ask that Joseph Martinich be reinstated based on his remarkable job as a committee member.*

The motion was approved; Joe Martinich abstained. The President of the Board of Curators and the UMSL Retirees Board should be copied on the letter. Wendell Smith will make a personal appeal to Julie Middleton. Linda Royal suggested contacting Eric Smetana at UM HR if anyone has questions about their benefits.

- **Suggestions for activity events for the upcoming year.**
- Joe Martinich offered to give a talk on ways to save money and reduce our environmental footprint.
- Zuleyma offered to ask someone to present information on Alzheimers.
- We've had an unsolicited request from someone to present information on Dementia.
- Wendell Smith mentioned that the association holds four events per year with two in the fall and two in the spring. Wendell will give Lol Barton activity information for the newsletter. It was also suggested that the events be placed in the UMSL Daily.
- Steve Spaner mentioned a day trip to the Missouri wine country.
- **Upcoming MURA meetings, UM System.** There are no current meetings planned. MURA is the UM System meeting of the four campuses. It was suggested that it should be called UMRA.

- **Other Business**

Wendell Smith suggested that the cooperative extension retirees should be asked to join the retirees association. Wendell will check on the names and contact Steve Spaner with the information.

Zuleyma suggested that we provide a section in our newsletter on "retiree news". Wendell Suggested using social media, such as Facebook, for retirees.

The Founders dinner is scheduled for September 22 at the Ritz Carlton. The Board is encouraged to attend.

The meeting ended at 11:10 pm.

Respectfully submitted,

Mary Ellen Heckel
Secretary