

Minutes of the UMSL Retirees Association Board of Directors Meeting

Sept. 5, 2014, 10:00 – 11:10 a.m.

Attending: Sandy MacLean, Pres.; David Ganz, Vice-Pres.; Ilene Wittels, Sec'y; Steven Spaner, Treas.; David Garin, Past Pres.; Members: Gary Burger, Lawrence Barton, Judi Linville, Sharon L. Davis, Harry Gaffney; UMSL liaison Cindy Vantine.

Absent: Nancy Forbes, Fred Wilke

President MacLean reported on the Planning Committee's discussion of how to increase participation. Mention was made of several activities offered in the past. President MacLean visited the UMC retiree luncheon meetings several times representing the UMSL Retirees Assoc. The Planning committee members are Barton and Burger; Ganz as V-P also sits on the committee. Forbes and Spaner volunteered to help. The committee welcomes volunteers from the general membership. For this coming year Board Members Barton and Burger will serve as Co-chairs. Please send ideas to Burger and Barton.

Spaner gave the Treasurer's report: the current balance is \$5,934.75. There are 174 members. There are 700+ retirees of UMSL, not all of whom still live in the St. Louis area.

Gaffney has volunteered for the Membership Committee. Another volunteer from the Board is needed. In the discussion of a directory of members, we were reminded that only those who agree to be listed can be.

Ganz made the motion and Linville seconded that a letter be sent to the new retirees welcoming them to the Association with a gift of the first year free. Motion carried.

Davis and Linville have volunteered for the Communications Committee. Davis will work on an update of the Retirees Directory. Linville will work on the next Newsletter with the assistance of Davis. they will try to have a newsletter by Oct. 15, 2014. The newsletter is sent by email to those who have email. The rest get it through USPS.

Linville asked about retirees' use of the new Wellness facility. Students pay \$20 a credit hour (capped at 12 credit hours). President MacLean suggests retirees be given faculty/staff rate and will ask the administration about it. A question was asked about alum rate but no one knew.

It was recommended that all Board members receive the UMSL Daily email.

The December Luncheon will be at Glen Echo Country Club on Tuesday Dec. 2, 2014 at 11:30 a.m. The charge to the individuals will be \$20.00. The Association will be paying an additional \$2.00 per person. All 700 of the retirees and their guests are invited.

Wittels spoke about a continuing education program for retirees at UMC called the Osher Institute that is offered through extension. Ganz said there was also a program at UMKC. Barton reported on having a golf tournament. The charge would be about \$125. He will be looking at courses in St. Charles.

The next meeting will be Oct. 24, 2014 10:00 to 11:30 a.m. in room 411 in Woods Hall.

Respectfully submitted, Ilene Wittels