

UNIVERSITY OF MISSOURI ST. LOUIS
RETIREES' ASSOCIATION – BOARD MEETING MINUTES
4-10-2015

Present were Sandy MacLean, Fred Wilke, Steve Spaner, Dave Ganz, Harry Gaffney, Gary Burger, Judy Linville, Lol Barton, Dave Garin, Sharon Davis, Cindy Vantine and Linda Royal.

President Sandy McLean called the meeting to order at 10:00 am in 407 Woods Hall

1. OLD BUSINESS

- A. The minutes of the February 13 meeting were approved as read.
- B. Treasurer Steve Spaner presented his report. The current balance was \$5,690.55, down from \$5,767.94 in February.

2. NEW BUSINESS

- A. Sandy raised the issue of dues; whether members should pay dues or whether they should be waived. After some discussion Davis moved and Burger seconded a motion that all new retirees be accorded no dues for their first full year (June 1 through May 31). The motion passed unanimously.

- B. Sharon Davis announced that she would not be running for election this cycle. She had pressing family matters to deal with. She mentioned a couple of items that would require attention:

Archived Records: These are in the TJ Library and consist of six white binders. They include newsletters, Board meeting minutes, etc. She encouraged Board members to look at them. They will need maintaining and updating and she suggested that this should be the role of the secretary.

Retiree Directory: She has a list of retirees. It is different and superior to that generated by Chris Burwell of Development Systems. After some discussion, it was agreed that we should maintain it. Sharon offered to work with Burwell to improve the list. Also UMHR has a list of Retirees who were with UM and those data can be used to augment the list.

- C. Spring Luncheon This is scheduled for Thursday June 4 in the JC Penney Lobby, 11:30 am – 1:30 pm. It is hosted by Chancellor George and Dr. Harbach. Betsy Rodriguez, VP HR will speak to us and a tour of the new Wellness Center will follow the meeting. As far as we know, retirees will be accorded the same privileges for the latter as current faculty – that is we pay the same amount for access to the facility.

- D. UM System Meeting and Conference calls.

1. Medical Benefits conference call, March 24. Dave Ganz reported briefly. Changes are coming – there are better plans available. Current retirees will not lose their pensions but changes in other benefits are possible. Dave will send us details. Barton will put something on the website about this.

2. Meeting with the UM Retiree Group and also President Wolfe. Ganz, Garin, MacLean, Wilke and Spaner will be attending.

E Committee Reports

1. Membership. There was no report.

2. Events. Barton and Burger reported. A questionnaire had been circulated and the responses analyzed. It seemed that a luncheon/lecture on the Natural Bridge Project was the most popular so it was decided to pursue this one as a trial. Barton had talked to Van Uum and she had suggested she talk about the Natural Bridge and University Square Projects. Barton agreed to arrange it for early fall. It will be promoted at the spring luncheon and also on the web page.

3. Communication. Judy Linville needs to know what is going on so items may be included in the newsletter. The date for the fall luncheon presentation needs to be set. A link to the newsletter will be on the web page. Also a volunteer request will go on the newsletter too. We were reminded that Maureen Zegel had volunteered to help with Communications. It was agreed that Barton would ask her if she would like to serve on the Board and perhaps even become secretary. After some discussion, it was agreed that the newsletter should be published roughly in spring, summer and fall and the actual dates might vary depending on required content, dates of activities, etc.

4. Nominating Committee. Dave Garin reported for the committee, referring to the written report sent to Board members in an e-mail message on April 9. He described efforts to identify candidates and reported the following as the recommended slate as of the meeting.

President-elect	Lol Barton
Treasurer	Steve Spaner
Secretary	Still looking
Board Members	Dave Ganz, Linda Royal and A. N. Other

A discussion about whether a list of retirees can be shared via e-mail with, for example, members of the nominating committee, took place. A list provided by Cindy, which was used by the Event committee in their survey is available. This discussion is ongoing. It was agreed that the names of nominees be put on the web site and also that a summary of responsibilities of Board Members and Officers be included.

Other business

Lol Barton was reminded to put the following on the web site:

1. The Betty Van Uum talk
2. The Newsletter
3. Election slate of nominees
4. Dave Ganz Health Benefits report

Respectfully submitted



Lol Barton