

UMSL Retiree Association Board of Directors

Minutes of the December 5, 2018 Meeting

- I. The meeting was **called to order** by Debbie Kettler at 10:00 a.m. and the minutes of the October 17, 2018 meeting were approved as distributed. In attendance were: Debbie Kettler, Clark Hickman, Steve Spaner, Dave Ganz, Joe Martinich, Mike Murray, Zuleyma Tang-Martinez, Chuck Korr, David Gehrin, Mark Burkholder, Tom Schnell, and Kathie Haywood.

- II. **Membership** – Clark Hickman

Clark reported that the Chancellor Tom George had approved the concept of a Retirees Award. Changes requested by the Chancellor were to award \$500 each to a faculty awardee and a staff awardee and to add a representative selected by the Senate and a representative selected by the Staff Association to the selection committee. The Retirees Association is to lead the selection process and provide the names of the winners only, with the winners recognized at the State of the University address in September each year. Winners should be determined by the end of the spring semester.

Clark distributed four handouts related to the nomination process. Board members were asked to let him know if they have any recommended changes to the documents.

Clark clarified that the “home” department (holding the PAF or paperwork for an individual) to determine whether an individual was in the faculty or staff category. He also clarified that “retired 5 years” is defined as off the payroll for 5 years. Clark relayed that the Chancellor would announce the award at the holiday luncheon and Kathy Falcon would be asked to send the announcement to all members.

It was moved by Dave Ganz that an ad hoc committee be established with the committee selecting the recipients of the retiree awards. The motion passed. Clark Hickman will serve as chair, Zuleyma Tang-Martinez, Debbie Kettler, and Mike Murray (as President-Elect) will serve as members and they will be joined by the two campus representatives.

Kathy Falcon is willing to receive nomination packets by mail or e-mail so that they can be forwarded to Clark.

- III. **Treasurer’s Report** – Steve Spaner

Steve distributed the Treasurer’s Report, showing that the Association’s balance as of December 5, 2018 was \$10,192.98.

He also reported there were to be 69 attendees at the holiday luncheon and that all but 7 were Retiree Association members. The Chancellor and new Vice-Chancellor for Advancement Paul Herring would be attending.

IV. Event Planning – Michael Murray

The Alzheimer's Program will be held in April. Both the 5th and 26th are available. It was decided to use the date best for the speakers. It was suggested that we ask if attendees could park in Lot N without being ticketed.

The Cahokia Mounds tour will be held in October. Friday, October 18th was selected. Those unable to do much walking would likely miss some of the tour. 2020 programs could possibly be to the Missouri History Museum, the Veteran's Memorial, or Arch. It was suggested that a "summer" event around June 1st could be successful. A final decision will be made at the next Board meeting when more information about each possible tour is available.

V. Nominating Committee – Chuck Korr

The Nominating Committee is Joe Martinich, Chuck Korr, Cindy Vantine, and Mark Burkholder. Chuck will announce at the luncheon that nominations are in order and can be sent to any of the committee members.

VI. HR Update – Debbie Kettler

Jim Hurtle from HR was reluctant to add a link to the Retirees Association (to the HR web page?), but he was willing to consider a link to a newsletter where we could advertise our events. He was also reluctant to add a link regarding Volunteer Programs.

The group discussed past successes and struggles with newsletters, especially since we went "online." The content would include events, the spring luncheon, In Memoriam, a President's Letter, information about the new award. Debbie offered to work on a template for a short newsletter.

It was mentioned that not very many people take a book from the Book Exchange. David Gehrin volunteered to take leftover books to the University City Library.

Finally, Zuleyma will appear at the luncheon as Rudolph (complete with blinking red nose) to encourage those not members to join (\$15 annual dues or \$125 life member).

VII. Debbie reviewed the agenda for the luncheon and the meeting was **adjourned** at 11:20.

Respectfully submitted,
Kathleen Haywood