

UMSL Retirees Association

Board of Directors Meeting June 12, 2019

Attending: Kettler, Ganz, Spaner, Hickman, Murray, Barton, Korr, Burkholder, Martinich, Martinez, Haywood

- I. President Debbie Kettler called the meeting to order. The **minutes** of the May 16, 2019, submitted by Kathie Haywood, were accepted with two typos and Clark Hickman's status corrected.
- II. The **treasurer's report**, submitted by Steve Spaner, was reviewed. Renewals are coming in but not as many as desirable. The cost of the holiday lunch was covered. It was acknowledged that it is difficult to know when lifetime members pass so that accurate numbers can be kept. The report was accepted as distributed.
- III. Mike Murray led a discussion of future **activities**. Fall plans include a visit to Cahokia Mounds (\$5 charge for seniors) on Saturday, October 19th (a change from the 18th) and Charles Schmitz talk on Antarctica on November 7th. We need an estimate of those attending the Cahokia Mounds tour and someone to lead the event. Mike reviewed the notion of a "Tom Talk" named after Chancellor George, similar to the speaker series the Rolla retirees association sponsors. The numbers attending the Alzheimer's Talk were reviewed in regard to how popular a speaker series might be. Approximately 6 attended in person and 6 streamed the talk, but the other associations did not promote the event. We did not download the video, but we do have good pictures of the speakers. The possibility of attending the Pompeii Exhibit at the Science Center was discussed and the exhibit will be in St. Louis until the fall. The possibility of a monthly brunch or lunch was also discussed and Clark Hickman will consider this as a future activity.
- IV. **New Business:** it was asked if we could promote nominations for the retirees' awards at the luncheon. Clark Hickman will talk briefly about the award. It was acknowledged that extending the deadline for an announcement that was distributed to current faculty and staff was ineffective because that group doesn't typically know which retirees might be eligible.
- V. **Luncheon Agenda:** Debbie reviewed the luncheon plans which included asking everyone to be seated at 11:50 so that she could thank the Chancellor and he could offer his remarks before leaving for another commitment. Lol Barton will make remarks following the Chancellor to acknowledge his contributions and thank him for his service. For the business meeting following lunch attendees will have two copies of the minutes, treasurer's report, amendment proposal, ballot, and membership application at each table. Joe Martinich will talk about cost of living adjustments. Within the discussion of the elections, Clark then formally resigned his position on the board in favor of being nominated for President Elect. At the end of the meeting, Debbie will thank outgoing board members and turn the podium over to Mike for a discussion of the planned activities and a request for volunteers. Sixty-seven is our anticipated attendance.

VI. **Adjournment:** Zuleyma thanked everyone for their help with information on Muriel Babcock. It was recognized that next year Mike could probably plan the board meeting for 10:30 instead of 10:00 am.

Respectfully submitted, Kathie Haywood