

UMSL Retiree Association Board of Directors Meeting

Wednesday, October 17, 2018

Attendees: Deborah Kettler, Michael Murray, Steven Spaner, Clark Hickman, Zuleyma Tang-Martinez and David Ganz

The meeting was called to order by President Debby Kettler at 10:00 a.m. in room 335 of Woods Hall.

Dave Ganz volunteered to serve as secretary for today's meeting; Zuleyma Tang-Martinez will assume the role for our December Board meeting.

Deb reminded us that Kathy Falcon's assistance to our group is a courtesy of the Human Resources Office; she is not an events person, so we should be mindful of that in making requests of Kathy.

The 8/16/18 minutes were approved with some minor corrections: page 2, D, delete last sentence; page 3, V., line two, reference should be to a "day" versus an "evening" Glen Echo date; also line 4, should read, "Zuleyma will wear her reindeer antlers."

The treasurer's report was accepted as distributed. Discussion: the pricing for the forthcoming Holiday Luncheon at Glen Echo was approved as follows: Retiree Association members and their guests, \$25 per person; retiree non-members, \$30. Invitations will be mailed in early November with RSVP's to be sent to Steve Spaner. Pre-addressed return envelopes will be included with the invitation.

RSVP's for the forthcoming Boone Farm/Winery Tour currently stands at 12, five of whom are guests. The Retiree Association will pay the Boone Farm fee for all attendees.

Regarding filling the secretary's position: a mass email will be sent to all paid members soliciting volunteers for the position; barring a successful outcome, Board members will take turns fulfilling the task for the remainder of this 2018-2019 year.

This year, the System Wide Retiree meetings with the President in Columbia have been scheduled to begin at 9:00 a.m. This is in contrast to past years' policy of starting such meetings at 10:00. In deference to attendees from Kansas City, Rolla and St. Louis that have the trip to Columbia to negotiate,

it was decided that Deb will write to University Liaison, Linda Cook, requesting that the starting time for such meetings be restored to 10:00 a.m. Kansas City and Rolla will be copied on the correspondence.

The system-wide retiree newsletter is composed by the UM System folks in Columbia and concludes with information furnished by each of the campuses. Dissatisfaction was expressed with the editing of materials submitted by UMSL. Future newsletter campus materials are to be reviewed by each campus before being disseminated to all UM retirees.

At the last System Wide Retirees meeting, it was learned that the Columbia campus annually confers a Chancellor Award to one outstanding faculty and staff retiree. To that end, Clark Hickman asked UMSL's chancellor if he would consider a proposal to do something similar in St. Louis. The chancellor said he would be glad to review such a proposal. Clark has drafted a proposal which was approved at today's meeting (copy attached). Clark will present it to the chancellor.

Event planning was next-discussed. A streamed program on Alzheimer's will be scheduled for mid-April; the Cahokia Mounds tour will be scheduled for the fall of 2019. Other suggested events to be added to the existing list of the Gateway Arch, Longacre Ranch RSMO and Behind the Scenes at the Zoo, are the Military Museum (Soldiers Memorial), forthcoming exhibits at the Art Museum and the Warm Springs Clydesdale Farm. There was also discussion about reinstating what in the past was referred to as the Lunch Bunch.

Meeting adjourned at 11:30.

Respectfully submitted,

Dave Ganz