

UMSL Retirees Association

Board of Directors Meeting October 28, 2019

Attending: Hattman, Garin, Schnell, Hickman, Murray, Spaner, Kettler, Sherman, Shannon-Simms, Agnew, and Haywood. Also attending was our new liaison, Ericka. She is an UMSL grad and former administrative assistant in Parkway School District. She started at UMSL August 26th. Introductions were made for the benefit of newcomers to the Board.

- I. The **minutes** of the August 14, 2019 were approved as distributed.
- II. The **treasurer's report** showed a balance of \$11,726.32. Membership is down a bit but we have 5 new members, perhaps indicating that the strategy of Ericka sending a packet to new members is an effective one. We have a directory that needs a "clean-up" but it is not published because we don't have permission from all included members to do so.
- III. **Recent Events**
 - a. We've been well represented at recent campus events and in fact two retirees were recognized as donors at the October 16, 2019 Founder's Dinner (Dave Ganz and Dave Garin).
 - b. We have an opportunity to make some changes in the direction of the retiree awards.
 - c. The agenda for the Founder's Dinner is largely driven by the development office.
 - d. The tour of Cahokia Mounds on October 19th went well.
- IV. **Upcoming Events**
 - a. October 30, 2019 is the four-campus Retirees Association meeting. We are expecting to have 5 or 6 attendees. Dave Garin mentioned that in the past the President has tended to be critical of UMSL on retention and graduation rates, causing some to wonder if he appreciates the mission of our campus. Another indication of this is the make-up of the Chancellor's position search committee. It helps to speak with one voice at these meeting.
 - b. November 7, 2019 is the Schmitz talk in noon in 103 A. Busch Hall (Business College). It was decided refreshments would not be necessary.
 - c. December 4, 2019 Holiday Luncheon. The country club has a new contact person and Debbie will meet with her soon. The invitations are in the mail. A discussion followed about centerpieces in the event the country club would not provide them. Debbie could get poinsettias for 99 cents that could then be taken home by someone at each of the 8-9 tables. A motion was made, seconded, and passed to authorize this. The Board can meet at 10:30 and should have enough time before the event. Ericka will do name tags and greet guests. She will take minutes since Kathie will be abroad, with Helene's help.
 - d. March 31, 2020 is tentatively the Arch Grounds Tour. They will need several days notice and provide a free tour guide. Possibly we could organize a group to meet

at the North Campus Metro stop and ride down to the Arch together. The committee will work out details on a time and place as well as a lunch possibility.

- e. Clark will invite previous Retirees of the Year Award winners to join the selection committee for the subsequent year. David Garin has accepted and Clark will contact Nan Kammann-Judd.

V. Old Business/New Business

a. Policy and Performance Issues – Committees

- i. Membership (Melissa): suggested there be an orientation, three times/year, to let retirees know about the association. Mallory Nelson from Benefits can get names of new retirees to Ericka so that she can send out letters to that list of new retirees. Ericka suggested a packet would be good and will check with the HR Director to see whether the President will still pick up the postage costs. There was discussion on whether we needed to do anything else. Melissa will work on an information sheet that will help us sell membership and participation in the Retirees Association. Steve Spaner offers a replacement membership card if needed.
- ii. Communications: There was a discussion about how we get retirees to follow the association. Steve Spaner suggested that e-mail is the best approach. The Newsletter should be out in a week. If we can maintain a twice a year schedule that would be great. Melissa suggested that a template would help assemble the newsletter then it could be sent to a few people for proofreading.
- iii. Planning and Events: Tom Schnell and Helene Sherman suggested we have 1 event per semester in addition to the luncheons. One might be a tour and the other a talk. The importance of continuity of leadership on committees was discussed. Suggestions for other tours were : the new aquarium, the Money Museum at the Federal Reserve, the new Ferris Wheel. The committee wants to create an information sheet that would help incoming chair do their planning. Candy indicated that she thinks our campus has the retirees coded for mass e-mail and will check on this. The notion of telling retirees their contact info would be published unless they opt-out was discussed, but we seem to do that already. Melissa questioned what ideas we have for engaging people and whether we should survey retirees. Clark indicated that we believed most retirees answer this type of thing with two concerns, protecting pensions and protecting benefits.

VI. Next Meeting: it was decided the meeting on November 14th (10:00, Woods Hall) was needed to further discuss committee activities.

Respectfully submitted,

Kathie Haywood

Treasurer's Report to the UMSL Retirees Association
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ASSETS

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| Checking Account Balance 08/14/2019 | \$ 11,800.32 | |
| 1st CCU Savings Balance 08/14/2019 | \$ 1.00 | |
| Income: | | |
| Membership [5 First year free] | <u>\$ -</u> | |
| Assets Total | | \$ 11,801.32 |

LIABILITIES

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| Payments: | | |
| Cahokia Mounds tour: 10/19/2019 | <u>\$ 75.00</u> | |
| Liabilities Total | | \$ 75.00 |

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| UMSL RA Account Balance 10/28/2019 | \$ 11,726.32 |
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408* = Total listings in directory

 *(Includes 9 past attendees, never joined)

 93 = Members who have died

155 = Lifetime members

57† = Annual members, Paid (2019-20)

 † (Includes 2019-20 First-year Free Retirees)

103 = Directory listings not paid

Submitted by Steven Spaner
UMSL Retirees Association Treasurer