

UMSL Retirees Association

Board of Directors Meeting August 14, 2019

Attending: Murray, Hickman, Kettler, Spaner, Ganz, Shannon-Simms, Sherman, Martinez, Garin, Barton, and Haywood

- I. President Mike Murray called the meeting to order at 12:30. The **minutes** of the June 12, 2019 meeting, submitted by Kathie Haywood, were accepted as distributed.
- II. Introduction of **New Members and Committee Assignments**. Everyone introduced themselves with the new members indicating when they had retired and from what unit. Mike indicated that we have three committees, Communications, Planning & Events, and Membership. Two board members are to serve on every committee and the President designates one as chair. Helene Sherman indicated she would like to join the Planning and Events Committee. Brenda asked about the Communications Committee. There was a brief discussion of the Communication and Membership Committees and how we have worked with the various staff persons assigned to us over recent years.
- III. The **treasurer's report**, submitted by Steve Spaner, was reviewed and accepted as distributed. Steve mentioned that we are doing fairly well with membership fees coming in but that a reminder e-mail would be appropriate soon. He also indicated that he had worked out a system to accommodate a few people who wanted to pay dues for two years.
- IV. Inaugural **Retiree Award**. Clark Hickman reported that selections had been made for both the faculty award (Dave Garin) and the staff award (Nan Kammann-Judd). Clark identified a few tweaks that need to be made to the process: (1) although the campus had extended the deadline we did not receive more nominations so the deadline needs to be clarified and set (without subsequent change); (2) this award needs to be aligned with others on campus in regard to the award's stipend (\$1000 each is our goal) and Clark will address this at the appropriate time with the appropriate person; (3) we need a better way to generate staff nominations and we really need to promote the award at the holiday luncheon. The awards will be given September 19th at the State of the University assembly and awardees will be acknowledged at the Founder's Dinner.
- V. Recent RA Event, **Soldier's Memorial Tour**. The tour was held July 18th after being postponed due to the Blue's celebration parade in downtown. It was a guided tour that was well done, attended by 17 people. The cost was \$3.50 per person. About 9-10 people went to lunch after the tour at the Docket in the SLU Law School.
- VI. **Upcoming RA Events** and Important Campus Events.
 - a. Tom George & Barbara Harbach Retirement Party, August 23, 3pm, Touhill
 - b. Candi Agnew Retirement Party, August 28, 3pm, JC Penney
 - c. UMSL Founders Dinner, October 10, 6:30 pm, Ritz-Carlton, Clayton
 - d. State of the University Address, September 19, 3pm, Touhill (A-B Hall)
 - e. Tour of **Cahokia Mounds**, Saturday, October 19, 2:30 pm. We need a leader for this event. Tom Schnell indicated he might be available. The leader would write

the necessary e-mails to promote the event and perhaps organize a lunch before the tour. Zuleyma volunteer to help. Helene Sherman indicated she will help with the logistics. Attendees deciding to visit the mounds will be required to walk a distance, but the visitor center is relatively close to parking.

- f. **Charlie Schmitz Talk**, Thursday, November 7, 12:00, 103 A. Busch Hall, Campus. Parking will be rather difficult for this location.
 - g. It was mentioned that Mary Thaxton in 324 Woods has a card for Candi Agnew if anyone wanted to stop by after the meeting and sign it.
- VII. Old and New Business
- a. Lol Barton indicated that he welcomes comments regarding the **Web page** as he is open to improving it and he is working on an archived list of activities.
 - b. **Holiday Lunch**. Location and date are needed. After discussion, the group indicated our preference for Glen Echo to be the location and our target date to be Wednesday, December 4th, with backup dates of December 3rd and 5th. Debbie Kettler volunteer to check on dates with Glen Echo and communicate with the Interim Chancellor's office regarding the date. She will also work with them on the menu.

The meeting was adjourned at 1:30 pm.

The next meeting is Thursday, **November 14**, at 10:00 am, 411 Woods Hall

Respectfully submitted,

Kathie Haywood