

UMSL Retirees Association

Board of Directors Meeting

January 15, 2021

Minutes

Attending: Sue Baber, Lol Barton, Dave Ganz, Dave Gavin, Melissa Hattman, Kathie Haywood (president-elect), Clark Hickman (president), Debbie Kettler, Mike Murray, Brenda Shannon-Simms, Helene Sherman (secretary), Steve Spaner (treasurer), Zuleyma Tang Martinez.

Approval of Minutes:

The August 19, 2020 minutes were approved, contingent on correct spelling of Sandy MacLean's name.

Treasurer's Report --- Steve Spaner

The treasurer's written report was approved. The January 15, 2021 RA account balance is \$12,513.95. Steve reported that the membership application was updated and will be placed in the new welcome envelope. Steve reported that he is planning to work in the coming months on increasing the number of memberships.

Committees

A. Membership Committee ---Melissa Hattman, Chair

Clark suggested that he, Melissa, Steve and others write to members to update activity information and encourage continued membership. Melissa will send "we miss you" letters by email and/or snail mail in March to members and non-renewal individuals. The correspondence will include the link to the new membership application, membership benefits, and activity descriptions, while also noting that our chapter has been offering events throughout the pandemic.

The new membership form will be included in the welcome folder and on the website. The current paid membership rate is 50% less than earlier years.

Clark added that he met with James Hertel who agreed to send our materials to faculty who are considering retirement. Clark will meet with HR again in the spring.

B. Planning & Events Committee ---Debbie Kettler, Chair

Zuleyma announced that she will serve as moderator for the Elder Abuse zoom Webinar she organized for January 28, 2021. Speakers will discuss different aspects of the topic. Clark encouraged all board members to participate in the webinar. Dave Gavin will send an announcement of the event to other campus' Retiree Associations chapters.

A spring luncheon was tentatively scheduled for 3/19 at Glen Echo Country club as a substitute for the December meeting, which was not held. It was agreed that the 3/19 event be postponed due to the uncertainty of vaccination dates and number of people receiving vaccines prior to the event.

The board discussed whether to hold the annual June spring meeting and banquet in person or virtually. That decision will be made closer to the tentative June 24th. date. Clark and Debbie reported that we will have a speaker from Columbia who will present information about pensions. The cost of the event has traditionally been funded by the campus but that decision has not been made as yet for this year. Members may be asked to pay all or some of the cost depending on the funding decision. Dave Gavin suggested the RA subsidize the cost of the lunch. Debbie Kettler proposed the attendees be charged \$10 per person for the meal. Clark will speak to the Chancellor about the campus' willingness to underwrite the event. Jim Hertel, HR office, will print the invitations and send them to members. Various options for offering the lunch with or separately from those who would like to vote for officers and board members, but not have lunch, were discussed. The matter will be revisited. Debbie will reserve the date with Glen Echo.

C. Communications Committee: --- Sue Baber, Chair

Sue was complimented for her work on the newsletter, which will be sent via email in March. She asked members to send her content information by March 19. Whereas the newsletter is not limited to the following items, these will be included

- Membership and link to new application
- Zuleyma's webinar
- Clark's President report
- Spring Luncheon Information
- Report on the RA's efforts to successfully save our emails in campus system

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- Membership folder and photo
- Request for nominations of the Retiree of the Year Awards

Nominations Committee ---Mike Murray, Chair

Mike reported the 2021-2022 slate of officers. They are:

- President Elect: Helene Sherman
- Treasurer, Steve Spaner,
- Secretary: Tom Eysell
- New Board Member: Cindy Vantine to replace Brenda Shannon Simms
- Retained Board Members: Melissa Hattman and Debbie Kettler

The slate will be presented by the nomination committee at the annual June meeting.

Retiree of the Year Award --- Clark Hickman

Clark asked the board to suggest nominees for this award. Nominees may include board members. Award criteria are that the nominee has made exceptional and extraordinary contributions to campus or communities and has been retired for at least 5 years.

Next Meeting: April 16, 10:00 am.

The meeting was adjourned at 11:25 am.

Respectfully submitted, Helene Sherman, Secretary