

## Minutes

### USI Retirees Coordinating Council Meeting Thursday, January 19, 2023 Griffin Center, 2 p.m.

**Members Present:** Linda Tribble, Rodney Watson, Sandy Hatfield, Tim Mahoney, Phyllis Oeth

**Foundation Liaison:** Maggie Carnahan

**Members Absent:** Cindy Brinker, Janet Duncan, Christy Baker

**Call to Order:** President Linda Tribble called the meeting to order at 2 p.m. She welcomed new members to the Coordinating Council as well as returning members. She also welcomed Foundation Liaison Maggie Carnahan. Congratulations were extended to Sandy Hatfield for her selection to the Athletic Hall of Distinction.

**Approval of Minutes:** The minutes of the November 17, 2022 minutes were approved as written.

## REPORTS

**Treasurer's Report:** Sandy Hatfield and Maggie Carnahan gave the Treasurer's Report as follows:

Beginning balance 7/1/2022	\$4,218.09
Receipts	
Membership fees	\$2,120.00
Vintage Times Reimbursement	\$ 743.71
Disbursements	
Expenditures Wartime Museum	\$ 331.38
Thumb drive to house Council data	\$ 21.39
Fall Grant Award recipients	\$ 500.00
Credit card processing fees	\$ 11.10
Ending balance 12/31/2021	\$6,217.93

Anticipated expenses and income that will be posted include:

### Receipts

Foundation Reimbursement for Annual Meeting (approved on December 2, 2022)	\$ 125.00
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### Expenses

Marx BBQ/Catering - refreshments at Annual Meeting	\$ 314.00
City View – Refreshments at Annual Meeting	\$ 55.68
Cindy Brinker – refreshments at Annual Meeting	\$ 22.96

\*Internal transfers typically take place at the end of the fiscal year

### President's Report:

Linda Tribble reported that the Annual Meeting in November was a huge success. There were 35 members in attendance plus the band members and their guests. Many positive comments were received about the venue, the food and especially the entertainment. 2022 president Cindy Brinker did

an excellent job of planning this event and everyone seemed to enjoy it. At this meeting, the members elected new officers and council members; they also voted to change the By-Laws, Section 3.

Membership:

Current Language:

- Membership includes all USI Retirees as well as current and surviving spouses. Active/voting members pay \$20 per person annual dues. Inactive members pay no dues. A majority vote by active members may confer honorary membership on an individual.

Proposed Change in Language:

- Membership includes all USI Retirees as well as current and surviving spouses. ***Employees who separated from the University in good standing with at least 10 years of service but did not meet the eligibility requirements for retirement from USI may join the USI Retirees.*** Active/voting members pay \$20 per person annual dues. Inactive members pay no dues. A majority vote by active members may confer honorary membership on an individual.

Linda has contacted Ingrid Lindy in Human Resources to generate a list of former employees who qualify for USI Retirees under the new provision and will invite them to join USI Retirees.

Additional items:

- The spring Not Back to School Lunch was held at Los Bravos on January 9, 2023 and was attended by 34 retirees and guests. There were several positive comments about trying a new location.
- The Vintage Times newsletter is nearly complete; Linda is waiting on reports from Human Resources to list the names of new retirees and retirees who have passed away since the last newsletter. Items include:
  - Honor Flight – Terri Branson
  - Visit to Rome – Sherrienne Standley
  - A Day with Paula Deen – Sylvia Dillworth
  - Annual meeting recap
  - Fall 2022 and Spring 2023 grant recipients
  - New Retirees and In Memoriam
  - Upcoming Events
- The website ([www.usi.edu/retirees](http://www.usi.edu/retirees)) has been updated by Maggie:
  - Governance page updated with new council officers and members;
  - Online payment button has been added to the home page,
  - By-laws page was updated with the recently approved change.
  - The award recipients for fall 2022 and spring 2023 will be added once the spring recipients have been notified.
- There are currently 66 members of the Facebook group page.
- The list of council members was distributed and updated.

A questionnaire was distributed at the Annual Meeting and the January lunch to gather ideas from retirees on the types of activities they would like to see planned. These responses have been compiled and were reviewed by the Council.

### Old Business

There is a small credit card processing fee that is associated with the online payment button. Since the number of transactions is so small, the fee is negligible.

### **New Business**

Maggie Carnahan talked about the Foundation Lunch for Retirees; it was decided that the lunch will be later in the spring (rather than in association with Homecoming) this year. The lunch was cancelled in 2021 and 2022 due to COVID restrictions. Once the Foundation makes a final decision, Maggie will notify Linda. Discussion was held about the possibility of combining the lunch with a baseball game and allowing the retirees to use the deck for the game.

Additional discussion was held regarding special events to be hosted by the retirees group. Several ideas were discussed, including attending a basketball game, visiting a brewery in Louisville, Owensboro, Mount Vernon or Evansville; Thyme in the Kitchen and Painting with a Twist. Phyllis will let us know final details. The Council also inquired about holding the Annual Meeting at City View at Sterling Center again this year. Phyllis will check on availability.

**Grant Recipients:** Linda has received the list of current benefits-eligible employees for the spring semester. There were 16 undergraduate names, 5 were removed as they were either not benefits-eligible or had received an award last semester, leaving 11 names. Using a random selection formula for Excel, the following names were selected to receive a \$100 award from USI Retirees:

Rhonda Woolsey, BPS, Special Events and Scheduling  
Nicholas Barnett, BS, Facility Operations and Planning  
Emily Brinkmeyer, BPS, Special Events and Scheduling  
Daniel Wilkins, BS, Business Office

There were 38 employees seeking graduate degrees, 10 were removed (not benefits-eligible, had received a previous advanced degree or received a fall award). Using the same random selection formula, the following name was selected to receive a \$100 award:

Amy V. Wilkerson, MPA, Center for Adult Learners.

The council will consider raising the amount of the award at a future meeting.

### **Other Business**

Discussion was held about committees for the Coordinating Council. A nominating committee, special events committee, and membership committee are needed. Linda reported that some retirees indicated on their questionnaire response that they would be interested.

The Foundation Reception is currently scheduled for July 27. The updated USI Directory will be distributed at this time; deadline for submission of corrections is June 30.

Discussion was held about the importance of getting the word out about the USI Retirees group. Linda will contact Wendy Seitz and work on either a letter or a tri-fold handout to distribute when employees meet with HR.

The next meeting of the Coordinating Council will be March 16, 2022, at 2 p.m., in the Griffin Center.

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 3:10 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Linda Tribble

