

USI Retirees Coordinating Council Meeting

Griffin Center

10-11 AM 3/23/2024

Call to Order

President Jeri Burger called the meeting to order at 10:00 a.m.

Members Present: Jeri Burger, Linda Tribble, Sandy Hatfield, Christy Baker, Cindy Brinker

Members Absent: Rodney Watson, Janet Duncan

Foundation Staff: Mary Bieber

Approval of Minutes from January 18, 2024

The minutes of the January 18, 2024, were approved with corrections to add Cindy Brinker to members absent and to update the wording in the Review of Annual Report to state Linda gave a report for the well-attended meeting.

Treasurer's Report as of February 29, 2024 – Cindy Brinker

Fund Balance on July 1, 2023	\$5,284.45
Income from Membership Dues	\$2,035.00*
Expenditures	\$1,764.49**
Fund Balance as of February 29, 2024	\$5,704.96*** (\$5,554.96)

*Income

- 102 paid memberships for retirees, spouses, and spouses of deceased retirees
- 85 retiree paid memberships
- 10 spouse of active retiree paid memberships
- 4 spouse of deceased retiree paid memberships
- 3 memberships paid twice by retirees or spouse (Cleek, Arp, Head)

55.9% of memberships paid online

44.1% of memberships paid by cash

**Detailed Expenditures

Printing	\$ 83.69
Financial Aid Awards	\$1,200.00
Hospitality and PR	\$ 450.81
Credit Card Fees	\$ 29.99
Total	\$1,764.49

***Pending Expenditure Financial Aid Award \$150.00 - Not included in Fund Balance

President's Report – Jeri Burger

- Vintage Times* – Winter/Spring 2023 - The winter/spring *Vintage Times* is ready for distribution. Copies will be provided for those attending the luncheon today.
- Welcome to New Retirees - tracking retirees – Jeri has contacted the university and requested an updated membership list. The list will be generated on a quarterly basis.

Old Business

- Coordinating Council membership – Discussed the options for selecting a member to complete Tim Mahoney's term and identified candidates.
- Email contact – Jeri is accessing the membership e-mail list with Linda's assistance.

- Group Facebook Page – Jeri encouraged council members to share activities and content such as travel accomplishments etc. on the Facebook Page.
- Online membership registration and payment – Members will continue to be able to pay online or with a check. More members are choosing to pay online.

New Business

- **Discussion of Special Events for Retirees in 2024**
 - Museum event – April 26, 2pm – Charmaine planned for USI retirees to view the “Then & Now” Photography display at the Evansville Museum of with a presentation by museum staff on becoming a docent.
 - President’s reception – July 25 – The annual President’s reception will be held in the Griffin Center.
 - Not back to school lunch – August 13, 2024 – Turoni’s on main street has been reserved for the annual fall lunch.
 - Discussion of other activities – Council members made suggestions for future special events. Members often travel or are out of town in the month of June. The group will not plan events during that time.
- **Recruitment of members for involvement** – Council members discussed ideas of how to get retirees involved in events & the organization committees.
- **Committees**
 - Special Events – Charmaine McDowell
 - Nominating – Cindy Brinker, Linda Tribble, Sandy Hatfield
 - Membership – Christy Baker, Arlene Fortune
- **Scholarship selection** – Cindy is checking on the \$150.00 scholarship that has not been charged to the USI Retirees account.
- **Vintage Times – Winter 2024** – Council members were asked to submit ideas and article content for the winter newsletter.
- **USI Retiree Directory – July 2024** – The directory will be published in July. Mary Seiver will check on the status of how the information will be shared by the Foundation.
- **Other – There was a discussion** about updated handbook language on retirement benefits. Recent updates do not have the history or identified changes from previous versions provided. This makes it difficult to identify the change.

Other Business

- **Calendar of Events**
 - President’s Reception – July 25, 2024
 - Annual Meeting – Thursday November 21 – location TBD

Next Meeting – May 16, 2024, 2-3:30 Griffin Center

Adjournment

Upcoming Retiree Organization Council Meetings

May 16, 2024 – 2:00 PM
 July 25, 2024 – Before the President’s reception
 Thursday, September 19, 2024 – 2 – 3:30 Griffin Center
 Thursday, November 21, 2024 - Before the annual meeting

Respectfully submitted,
 C. Christy Baker, Secretary
 Unapproved