

Minutes

USI Retirees Coordinating Council Meeting Thursday, March 16, 2023 Griffin Center, 2 p.m.

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

Members Absent: Janet Duncan, Cindy Brinker, Maggie Carnahan (Foundation liaison)

Call to Order: President Linda Tribble called the meeting to order at 2 p.m., and welcomed all members.

Approval of Minutes: A motion was made by Tim Mahoney and seconded by Rodney Watson to approve the minutes of the January 19, 2023, meeting as presented. Motion carried.

REPORTS

Treasurer's Report: Sandy Hatfield read the Treasurer's Report emailed to the council by Maggie Carnahan on March 14.

Beginning balance 7/1/22	\$4,218.09
Receipts:	
Membership fees	\$2,220.00
Vintage Times Reimbursement	\$ 743.71
Expenditures	\$1,256.95
Evansville Wartime Museum	\$331.38
Thumb drive-Retiree Coord Council documents	\$21.39
Marx BBQ-Annual Mtg refreshments	\$314.00
City View-Annual Mtg refreshments	\$55.68
Cindy Brinker-Annual Mtg refreshments	\$22.96
Grant Award Recipients	\$500
Credit Card Processing Fees	\$11.54
Ending balance 2/28/23*	\$5,924.85

Anticipated Income: +\$125.00 – Foundation Reimbursement for Annual Meeting Refreshments –
Approved December 2, 2022

*internal transfers typically take place at end of fiscal year

President's Report:

Linda Tribble thanked Phyllis Oeth for arranging the pregame gathering at Leroy's and basketball tickets and suggested that we may make it an annual event.

Linda reported the Winter/Spring 2023 issue of the Vintage Times is ready for the printer and should be available at the upcoming luncheon. It is currently on hold pending final approval from Foundation on the Sylvia Dillworth/Paula Deen story (regarding Paula's past controversies). Linda will replace the story if necessary. Included in this issue:

- Honor Flight – Terri Branson
- Rome Adventure – Sherrienne Standley
- A Day with Paula Deen – Sylvia Dillworth
- Annual Meeting Recap
- New Retirees and In Memoriam
- Fall 2022 and Spring 2023 Grant Recipients
- Upcoming Events

There have been 20 new retirees since July 1, 2022. Linda reported that the Welcome letter to new retirees is not yet complete. We are waiting on a list from Human Resources that will include the new retirees.

Linda thanked Maggie Carnahan for her work on updates to the Retirees web site including the online payment button, change of membership guidelines and award recipients.

Old Business

- The Foundation Lunch for Retirees is scheduled for March 25. There is a baseball game scheduled that afternoon as well for those interested. This is the first Retirees' Lunch in two years due to the pandemic.
- Phyllis Oeth reviewed the schedule of special events for Retirees for 2023 including:
 - Wednesday April 26 11:00am-12:30pm – Thyme in the Kitchen 2300 W. Franklin St.*
 - Hands on and instruction for making spring/summer appetizers
 - Limited to 18 people, \$25/person (retirees only, no guests)
 - Retirees group will pay the \$300 deposit/kitchen rental fee (Phyllis will pay this and get reimbursement from Foundation)
 - Phyllis will ask if TK will take phone reservations and payments; if not, we will need to do that. We also need to notify TK of any food allergies.
 - Final RSVP and payment is due to TK April 19
 - Thursday June 15 – Owensboro Adventure*
 - 10:00am-11:30am – Bluegrass Music Hall of Fame 311 W. Second St, Owensboro KY
 - \$8/person; includes tour, hands on experience with instruments, possibly some kind of performance
 - Lunch in on your own – we will put together a list of restaurants nearby
 - 1:00pm-2:00pm – Green River Distilling Walking Tour (also a Sit and Sip option at 12:30pm for those who don't want to/can't walk the tour)
 - Up to 25 or so people; Sit and Sip is 12 people
 - \$25/person; includes tour and bourbon tasting
 - We need to provide RSVPs and other details to them two weeks prior
 - All participants will provide own transportation the entire day
 - Wednesday September 6 – Timberview Flower Farm 4501 Orchard Rd.*
 - Tour and flower arranging (rain date is Thursday September 7)
 - \$25-\$30/person
 - Mary Damm, owner, mentioned that we might want to go to St. Joe Inn for lunch after and she can reserve table(s) for us
 - For the June and September events, Retirees will rsvp to USI Retirees email
- Committees:
 - Special Events – covered by Phyllis as outlined above

- Nominating – Tim Mahoney and Cindy Brinker will co-chair
- Membership – when the Board of Trustees approves retirements, we currently send a letter (we need to check on content of the card/letter received by recent retirees to reference). Christy Baker suggested we do a phonathon type event or send an email to new retirees. She and two or three others should be able to do this. Arlene Fortune, Geri Burger, Phil Fisher and Jane Schwartz were mentioned as people who have indicated an interest in helping.
- Grants for 2023 Spring Semester – recipients have been notified and accounts updated
- Location of Annual Meeting – Phyllis needs to confirm with City View

Other Business

- List of Coordinating Council Members was revised again to correct a phone number
- Wendy Seitz from HR reached out to Linda regarding possible Financial Health Workshops. She is looking for a retiree(s) who could present on this or work with her on this; possibly present as a panel to include Rodney Watson, Cindy Brinker and committee members. Other suggestions for presenters were financial advisors like John Schutz or Mark Wright. Topics would include how to be prepared for surprises, Social Security, how to navigate life after retirement. Tim Mahoney suggested that information be put into a document for others to reference.
- Calendar of Events for remainder of 2023:
 - March 25 – USI Retiree’s Luncheon and Men’s Baseball Game
 - April 26 – Thyme in the Kitchen event
 - May 18 – USI Retirees Coordinating Council Meeting
 - June 15 – Owensboro Adventure
 - July 27 – USI Retirees Coordinating Council Meeting coordinated with President’s Annual Reception
 - August 15 – Pizza Gathering at Turoni’s (University Meeting)
 - September 6 – Timberview Flower Farm event
 - September 21 – USI Retirees Coordinating Council Meeting
 - November 16 – USI Retirees Annual Meeting
- USI Directory – July 2023 – Foundation to coordinate; deadline for submission of updated information is June 30, 2023; Directory will be distributed July 27

The next meeting of the Coordinating Council will be May 18, 2023 at 2:00pm in the Griffin Center.

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 3:02pm.

Respectfully submitted,

Phyllis Oeth, Secretary Pro-Tem