

USI Retirees Coordinating Council Agenda
Tuesday, May 10, 2016
1:30 p.m. Foundation Office

Present: Yvonne Floyd, Nancy Johnson, Phil Fisher, John Deem, Ginger Ramsden, Jim Bandoli

Absent: Chris Jines, Michael Whipple, Sherrienne Standley, ex officio, Sara Rhoades, Foundation liaison

Call to Order: The meeting was called to order by Vice President Jim Bandoli at 1:29 p.m.

Approval of Minutes: The minutes of the March 15, 2016 meeting were read. Yvonne moved the minutes be approved as amended, Phil seconded; the minutes were approved.

REPORTS

Treasurer's Report: Nancy Johnson, treasurer, reported the current balance is \$3670.05, the same balance as last month with no new income or expenses. Phil moved we accept the report, John seconded; the treasurer's report was approved as presented.

OLD BUSINESS

Sponsored Activities: Jim reported that Sara sent an email to all retirees, inviting them to participate in the canoe trip on June 7th (rain date June 9th), to one of the old stripper pits in Lynnville park. Sara was unable to attend this meeting, therefore we don't know if anyone has registered, but the trip requires at least 10 paid people in order to get the canoes. Jim will ask Sara to send a second invitation to everyone in the next couple of weeks, hoping to have at least ten participants.

Concern: Jim stated Steve Bridges has negotiated with Deaconess to extend the Concern benefit to retirees, allowing retired USI employees to seek counseling, if needed. Kudos to John Deem, Michael and, most especially, Steve for making this happen! Human Resources should inform retirees of this added benefit, although the group did note that with a new HR director, we need make sure this happens.

New Harmony Theater: Jim informed us the theater no longer offers public dress rehearsals, nor does it offer group rates, so the last meeting's plan to sponsor a group of retirees to attend a production needs to be slightly modified, as everyone must order tickets individually. After discussion of which production to sponsor, the group decided on the musical, *I Love You, You're Perfect, Now Change*, scheduled July 8-17. Since Sherrienne offered to host an after-play event, Jim will check with her before setting the exact date for the group to attend a Saturday or Sunday matinee.

NEW BUSINESS

Medical Premiums: Michael is working on the memo to Dr. Bennett to request employees who earn less than \$41,000 per year when they retire, to continue to qualify for a lower-payment medical plan after retirement. He hopes to send the document soon.

President's Reception: The President's reception for retirees will be held on July 28th at the newly opened Griffin Center.

Fall Pizza Gathering: This event will be held at Turoni's pizza on Main St. at 11 a.m. on August 22, the first day of fall classes. We decided to hold the fall event on the first day of classes, as current administrators such as Dr. Bennett and David Bower, could attend. We will continue to hold the spring pizza gathering on the day of faculty meetings, prior to the start of the spring semester, to celebrate not attending!

Council Make-Up: Jim reported four people, Chris, Jim, John, and Nancy will complete Council terms at the end of this year. Jim is Vice President and has not yet served the four-year limit, and he will move into the President position. We will need to recruit three new Council members, and determined we should strive to include retired administrators, faculty, and support staff on the Council, in order to adequately represent our demographics. Jim asked each of us to talk with retirees we feel would contribute to the Council's mission, and he placed this discussion on our next meeting's agenda. He will send all of us a list of the past year's retirees.

Future Meetings: The group decided to move the July meeting to the 28th, at 2 p.m., prior to the President's reception. The schedule for the remainder of this year's Retirees Coordinating Council meetings follows:

Thursday, July 28, 2 p.m., Foundation Office

Tuesday, September 20, 1 p.m., Foundation Office

Thursday, November 10, 3 p.m., Annual Meeting, location TBA

The meeting adjourned at 1:59 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Ginger Ramsden, Secretary