

**USI RETIREES COORDINATING COUNCIL MEETING
MINUTES
JANUARY 16, 2025**

The USI Retirees Coordinating Council met via Zoom, on January 16, 2025. In attendance were: Charmaine McDowell, Craig Ehlen, Terri Branson, Sandy Hatfield, and Linda Trible. Foundation liaison Andrea Gentry was also present.

Linda welcomed all and thanked the members for attending via Zoom.

Approval of Minutes – Christy Baker

- The minutes of the November 21 meeting were not available. Secretary Christy Baker suffered major damage to her home during the recent ice storm. These minutes will be approved at the next meeting

Treasurer's Report – Craig Ehlen

- Treasurer Craig Ehlen reported that the December and January financial reports were not yet available due to the university closure over winter break.

President's Report – Linda Trible

- President Linda gave a review of the Annual Meeting from November 2024. In addition to conducting the business of the retirees' group, \$65 was collected for the Staff Council Giving Tree project. The cost for refreshments/sodas was approximately \$300.
- USI Retirees were invited to the University Home for the holidays; this was a very nice event, and it was nice to have retirees included.
- The NOT Back to School Pizza lunch on January 8 was cancelled due to snow and ice. There were very few reservations.
- The next edition of the Vintage Times will be printed and ready for distribution at the Foundation Lunch in March
- The recipients of the spring 2025 semester scholarship grants will be selected and notified; John Baburnich is preparing the list of eligible candidates.
- Linda has reviewed the retiree web site; several changes are needed, but we want to make them all at once to lessen the burden on the Foundation Liaison.
- Cindy Brinker has agreed to continue maintaining the Facebook page.

Foundation Report – Andrea Gentry

- Foundation Director Andrea Gentry told the group about the Foundation Lunch scheduled for Saturday, March 15. Invitations will be mailed and reservations taken. Those making reservations and unable to attend will be asked to cancel their reservations.
- The University hopes to have its new President selected and onsite by July 1. The Foundation will work with him/her on events/receptions/other activities to get acquainted.

Retirees Events

- Discussion was held regarding upcoming events.
 - Charmaine reported on a trip to the Azalea Arboretum with lunch following at R'z Café in Fort Branch. The group agreed this would be a fun and interesting event.
 - Terri Branson reported on a trip to New Harmony with details to follow. Terri was asked to continue planning this event.
 - Discussion was held about a 'pop-up' lunch or two during the year, especially since the lunch at Turoni's had to be cancelled due to weather.

Other Business

- Linda will prepare a final list of Council members with contact information for the next meeting. A schedule of planned events will also be available.
- Ideas are needed for the Summer/Fall edition of the Vintage Times

Linda thanked everyone for their dedication and commitment to the Council. There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned.

Linda Trible, President