

Minutes, USI Retirees Coordinating Committee

January 17, 2014

1:30 p.m., Foundation Office

Attendance John Deem, Christina Jines, Ed Jones, Helen Sands, Janet Greer, Michael Whipple, Jeanne Barnett, Sherrienne Standley, Sarah Harlan

Call to Order The meeting was called to order by President John Deem at 1:33 p.m.

Minutes The minutes of the October 22, 2013, meeting were read and approved.

Treasurer's Report Mike Whipple, treasurer, reported a balance of \$2,212.78 as of Dec. 31, 2013. There were 10 additional member fees collected so far in Jan., 2014. The report was approved.

Old Business

The minutes for the November, 2013, annual meeting are available on the retiree website. There was a positive response to the trip presentations at the meeting. Those minutes will be approved at the next annual meeting.

Christina Jines reported on the day trip to Pleasant Hill, Shaker Village on Oct. 3, 2013. The details of the trip were reviewed and presented at the Oct. 22, meeting and are in the meeting minutes.

John Deem reported on the committee reviewing the academic and athletic logos for USI. A preliminary meeting involved several designs that were discussed. Currently, the committee is at the decision point for the logos and they will be unveiled in April, 2014. In the summer or fall, there will changes made to the Archibald Eagle mascot design.

John Deem reported on the anniversary celebration planning. Cindy Brinker is chairing the planning committee. The retirees on the planning committee are Nancy Johnson, Bob Reid, and John Deem. There are multiple committees involved in the planning of multiple events. Sally Gries is the university contact if you want to become involved. The planning committee is meeting monthly.

John Deem reported that the retiree's website is up and running. John has a list of deceased retirees that are not in an appropriate format. John would like help sorting through the information. It was discussed if dues could be paid on the website. Sarah Harlan will look at the possibility of linking dues payment to the website.

Ed Jones reported that Donna Evinger has received approval from Mark Rozewski for retirees to receive the same fee reduction for non-credit courses as employees. There is now a mechanism of submitting the approval form online to

Human Resources. Linda Cleek will be contacted to provide a statement of the process for the February, 2014, meeting.

Ed Jones is working with Janet Johnson in Alumni Affairs to identify past graduates. A small group of retirees will be used to identify graduates. An afternoon gathering is being planned for the spring for retirees to go over existing lists of graduates to provide input and information. The lists of graduates will be updated and accomplished graduates will be identified. This will be part of the 50th anniversary celebrations. The list will be used to increase involvement of the graduates with USI and provide names for speakers at spring commencement, mentoring opportunities, and other involvement.

Sherrienne Standley reported that the spring newsletter is coming along. It will be printed and available at the February, 2014, meeting. Included will be photos from the day trip to Shakertown and the pizza parties at Turoni's and other articles of interest.

Sarah Harlan is updating the retiree directory.

Sarah Harlan and Sherrienne Standley discussed the Foundation luncheon at the Kennel Club on Feb. 8, 2014. The invitations are to go out Jan. 20. There was a discussion of changing the format to a served luncheon rather than a buffet. It was decided that would be difficult this year, but should be considered for 2015. Sign up sheets for day trips will be available at the meeting.

New Business

Mike Whipple brought up questions about when membership fees are due. The by-laws state that the annual meeting will be held in November. For a member to vote at the annual meeting, their dues must be paid for that year before the annual meeting.

The travel presentations at the 2013 annual meeting were well received. Sherrienne and Sarah will work on scheduling one or two presentations for the 2014-15 academic year. Suggestions included Lennie Dowhie and his time in China. The time suggested was 3 p.m. on Friday afternoon in Kley Meyer Hall.

Christina Jines reported on possible day trips for 2014-15. These included the Azalea path, Huber Winery, Spring Mill Park, and New Harmony Theater with additional appetizers or some type of gathering. It was also suggested that we work with Janet Johnson to "tag along" with the alumni events such as a Day with the Colts, a Day with the Icemen, etc.

Sherrienne Standley brought up a concern expressed by Gary May about the accessibility of restrooms at Turoni's on Main St.. The lack of accessibility prevents him from attending the pizza party. Alternate locations were discussed including Turoni's on Weinbach and Roca Bar North.

Possible workshops for the coming year were discussed. A repeat of the technology workshop held in spring, 2013, was discussed. Most of the committee thought many topics dealing with health care and aging were appropriate. Development of this topic was tabled for a fall workshop. Kevin Valaderes and the hospitals were suggested as possible contacts for this area of discussion.

Because some of our retirees do not have e-mail, a phone committee was suggested by Sherrienne. Janet Greer volunteered to phone retirees without e-mail. Helen Sands agreed to help Janet. Sherrienne will provide a list of members and their contact information.

The April issue of USI magazine contained a revisit USI column with stories of USI in the past. John suggested that this column continue in future editions of the USI magazine.

Future events include the reception at the University Home. The date has not been set. It was suggested that a tour of the new teaching theater, if completed, would be a good option for that reception.

The date for the annual meeting was set for Nov. 6, 2014, at 3:00 p.m. in Kleymeyer Hall.

The date for the next steering committee meeting was set for Apr. 3, 2014, at 1:30 p.m. in the Foundation Office.

The meeting was adjourned at 3:10 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Jeanne K. Barnett, Secretary