

Minutes

USI Retirees Coordinating Council Meeting Thursday, September 15, 2022 Griffin Center, 2 p.m.

Members Present: Cindy Brinker, Sandy Hatfield, Tim Mahoney, Phyllis Oeth

Members Absent: John Deem, Craig Ehlen, Linda Tribble, Marlene Shaw, Maggie Carnahan (Foundation liaison)

Call to Order: President Cindy Brinker 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 Sandy Hatfield to approve the minutes of the July 28, 2022, meeting as presented. Motion carried.

REPORTS

Treasurer's Report: In John Deem's absence, Cindy Brinker read the Treasurer's Report emailed to the council by John Deem on September 12.

Beginning balance 7/1/22	\$4,218.09
Receipts	
Membership fees	\$1,160.00
Expenditures	\$0
Ending balance 8/31/22 *	\$5,378.09

The Vintage Times charge for \$743.71 in error still has not been corrected. Maggie Carnahan is working on getting this corrected.

Phyllis Oeth made a motion to accept the Treasurer's report; Sandy Hatfield seconded. Motion carried.

President's Report:

Cindy Brinker reported that we had 77 RSVPs for the July 28 USI Retirees Annual Reception; not all showed but we had a good turnout.

We had 36 RSVPs for the August 16 pizza gathering at Turoni's on Main Street with 30 in attendance. Everyone wore USI spirit wear, we got lots of pictures and it was a fun event.

The USI Retirees Facebook page member count is up to 62, though there are not many commenting.

Old Business

- Discussion of Special Events for Retirees for 2022
 - **World War II Museum Tour** is September 19, 2022, 1-4 pm. The deadline to register was August 25. We have 35 registered to attend, many of whom have not participated in our

Retiree events previously. We will have a list of those who have not paid dues at this event to assist in collecting membership dues. Dr. Mark Browning will conduct the tour. The cost to attend is \$10 and the Retiree Council will pay the cost of each person to attend, both retirees and guests. Information about the event is on the USI Retirees' web site and on the USI Retirees' group Facebook page

- **USI Retirees Annual Meeting** is November 17, 2022, 4-6 pm. We will recognize retiring Council members, review Council accomplishments in 2022 and present a treasurer's report. There will be attendance prizes. We discussed suggestions for the program including music by the Old Guys Band (Jim Bandoli's band), Dr. Del Dowdy (new Liberal Arts Dean – storytelling), the new swim coach and Stephanie Walden-Schwake (Director of USI RFWC) to present on the swim program and RFWC updates and pool availability information. We discussed possibly holding this meeting somewhere off campus. We have two meetings in Griffin Center in 2023 and this might encourage people to go other places. City View at Sterling Square was suggested. Phyllis Oeth will check on availability and pricing and report back to Cindy.
- **Touch Net for Collection of Dues** – Before leaving office, Cindy Brinker will get this completed.

New Business

- **Nominating Committee Report** – Cindy Brinker presented the 2023 Coordinating Council Slate and gave a BIG thank you to Craig Ehlen for Chairing the Nominating Committee.
 - **Linda Tribble** – President (2023 – second year of first 2-year term)
 - **Rodney Watson** – President-Elect (2023 – first year of first 2-year term)
 - **Janet Duncan** – Secretary (2023 – first year of first 2-year term)
 - **Sandy Hatfield** – Treasurer (2023 – second year of first 2-year term)
 - **Cindy Brinker** – Past President (2023 – first year of second 2-year term)
 - **Christy Baker** – At Large (2023 – first year of first 2-year term)
 - **Tim Mahoney** – At Large (2023 – first year of second 2-year term)
 - **Phyllis Oeth** – At Large (2023 – second year of second 2-year term)

New members and members beginning their second term to be approved by the members of USI Retirees at the Annual Meeting on November 17, 2022.

- **Special Events Planning Committee Report** – Phyllis Oeth reported on several options for 2023 including bourbon distillery tours, Timberview Farm for a tour of the farm and flower arranging and the Koch Immersive Theater at the Evansville Museum. It also was suggested to check on the Farmer and Frenchman in Henderson, KY for a possible luncheon presentation and tasting, Thyme in the Kitchen for a cooking class, activities in downtown Owensboro including the Bluegrass Museum, and various local eateries recently featured in Evansville Living Magazine. The Landing in Newburgh is owned by a USI graduate and also was suggested as a possible luncheon location.
 - **2023 Calendar of Events** was reviewed:
 - **January 9 (classes begin) – Pizza gathering at Turoni's** (or possibly another location like Friendship Diner or Noble Romans)
 - **January 19 – USI Retirees Coordinating Council Meeting**
 - **February 4 – Foundation Lunch Homecoming Weekend for Retirees – Griffin Center**
 - **March 16 – USI Retirees Coordinating Council Meeting**
 - **April – possible special event**
 - **May 18 – USI Retirees Coordinating Council Meeting**
 - **June – possible special event**

- July 27 – USI Retirees Coordinating Council Meeting coordinated with President’s Annual Reception – Griffin Center
 - August 15 – Pizza Gathering at Turoni’s (University Meeting)
 - September – *possible special event (Timberview Farm)*
 - September 21 – USI Retirees Coordinating Council Meeting
 - November 16 – USI Retirees Annual Meeting
- **Membership Recruitment Committee** – Cindy Brinker reported currently there is no chair of the committee
 - 57 members have joined since July 1
 - 10 paid dues between January 1 – June 30
 - We need to get the cycle going; will send email to pay dues online once that system is ready
 - Wendy Seitz in Human Resources will add information about the USI Retirees to their retirement packets; we need to prepare a retirement flier and send it to Wendy
 - Send welcome letters to recently retired USI Retirees and invite them to join the USI Retirees
 - Reach out to retirees not on the council to help with various events and activities
- **Suggestion for New Membership Category – Honorary Members – Possible Categories**
 - This targets USI employees who leave the University with 10 or more years of service, but are not eligible to retire because of their age or otherwise do not qualify for retirement from USI
 - This will require a change in the by-laws; Cindy will consult with Sherrienne Standley
 - Will need to come up with language/proposal to present to the membership
- **Selection of 2022 Fall Semester Grant Recipients**
 - List was received from John Baburnich; Cindy will review
- **Health Insurance Renewal for 2023**
 - Open Enrollment – October 20, 2022-November 3, 2022; information will be sent out by end of September
 - Coverage being added: personal emergency response system and vision exams
 - Human Resources is asking for volunteers to help with the USI Wellness Fair
- **Vintage Times – Winter/Spring 2023**
 - Need ideas for possible stories; it was agreed that the personal stories submitted by retirees were popular
 - November 12-December 31 – Plan and write Vintage Times
 - January 1-15 – Edit Vintage Times
 - January 20-25 – Review of Vintage Times by Foundation
 - January 25 – Send Vintage Times to printer
 - Early February – Distribute Vintage Times

Other Business

- We were reminded of the upcoming events on September 24 with Mathew Graham at Seaton Harvest and the September 28 Holocaust Series with speaker Charlie Berger.
- The next meeting of the Coordinating Council will be the Annual Meeting November 17, 2022, at 3 pm
- There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 3:30 pm