UW-GREEN BAY RETIREE ASSOCIATION MINUTES

15th Annual Dinner Meeting, October 14, 2014

After an enjoyable social hour with friends and former colleagues, President Jim Wiersma welcomed everyone and thanked those who made the evening possible, including the dinner committee, Pat and Reb Przybelski, and Tracy Heaser, our liaison in Advancement office. Jim introduced our guest speaker Steve Taylor, our scholarship recipient Brook Fitzgerald and her father, and Jeanne Stangel, Assistant Chancellor for University Advancement. He then read the names of retirees that have passed away since last year and asked for a moment of silence.

After an excellent meal and conversation, President Jim Wiersma then called the meeting to order. Jim introduced Jeanne Stangel who spoke about University updates, including the University’s 50th Anniversary and the Alumni Reunion Days to be held October 24-25. She thanked the Retiree Association for all they have done for the University past and present.

Jim next gave an annual update of Board activities during the year: 4nd Spring Arboretum walk led by Paul Sager, 4nd annual golf outing, golf course beautification project and recruiting volunteers to plant perennials next year, the upcoming Salon Program Series – “Piano Concert” to be held the afternoon and evening of December 3 at the home of Jane Rank, and briefly mentioning our new Retiree ID Cards, Jim thanked the current Board members for their commitment and contributions to the Retiree Association.

Jim next introduced Jane Rank, chair of the Oral History Project. Jane gave an update on the progress of the Oral History Project, the completed Neville Museum project, and the continuing Library Archives Project, She thanked Deb Anderson, Coordinator of University Archives, who is heading up the Archives Project and who every year brings a fun “guess who” board of old pictures of faculty/staff/students that everyone enjoys identifying. This year Deb also brought a slide tape presentation for identification.

Jim introduced Chuck Rhyner, the chair of the Membership Committee. Chuck gave a little history on the Retiree Associations quest to get a retiree ID card. He was happy to announce that the free ID card (courtesy of the Retiree Association) came to fruition and was available to everyone during the evening festivities by going to the Union Ticket and Information Center to request a card and take a picture. The card currently has the ability to load money (pass points for copy machine, A’Viands, vending); to have free access at faculty/staff times at the Kress Center Gym and get a discount membership; and to get a Shorewood Golf Course membership rate. The ID card is still a work in progress with campus departments to give discounts to retirees who present the ID card for free parking, library privileges, Phoenix Bookstore merchandise, Athletics Events, University Arts Events and performances at the Weidner Center for the Performing Arts.

Jim next introduced Frank Madzarevic, treasure of the Board, who delivered a brief financial update: We made $800 during the golf outing, $1500 for our first Salon Program Series.

The final order of business was the election of three Board Members: President, Secretary, and Member-at-Large for the 2014-2016 terms. Phone calls had been made to many retirees asking if they would be willing to be nominated for one of the vacant positions, but we had no volunteers. President Wiersma called for nominations from the floor for the position of President. No one came forward. After a third call, Jim was nominated and again accepted the position as President. Jim then called for nominations from the floor for the position of Secretary. No one came forward. After a third call for nominations, Pat Przybelski was nominated and she again accepted the position as Secretary. Jim then called for nominations from the floor for the position of Member-at-large. No one came forward. After a third call, Randy Christopherson was nominated and he accepted the position. Our new Board will consist of President Jim Wiersma, Vice-President Michael Kraft, Secretary Pat Przybelski, Treasurer Frank Madzarevic, and Members-at-large Roger Vanderperren and Randy Christopherson.

Business was then suspended for our special guest speaker Steve Taylor, a 1979 Business Administration graduate of UW-Green Bay and basketball player for the Phoenix. Steve was awarded the UW-Green Bay Alumni Association Distinguished Alumni Award in 2003 and is now a Financial Representative of Northwestern Mutual Finance. His presentation was titled “From Phoenix With Love.”

The evening festivities ended at 8:15 p.m.

Pat Przybelski, Secretary