RETIREE ASSOCIATION MINUTES

NOVEMBER 11, 2014

9:30 A.M, ES 307

Attendance: Jim Wiersma (president), Randy Christopherson, Ginny Dell, Tracy Heaser, Michael Kraft, Frank Madzarevic, Pat Przybelski, Jane Rank, Chuck Rhyner, Roger Vanderperren

Minutes of the October 7 meeting and October 14 annual banquet were approved without change.

Jim welcomed our new member-at-large Randy Christopherson. Jim thanked the Board for all their work last year and Pat for agreeing to serve a third term. We in turn thanked Jim for all his work as President and for also agreeing to continue on the Board for another term.

Banquet Report/Set 2015 Date

Tracy distributed the banquet report. There were 64 attendees. We had an event profit of $99.90 and scholarship donations of $692.50. Tracy had a thank you card for Steve Taylor that she asked Board members to sign. We discussed how we can get more people to attend. Many retirees end their employment at UWGB and then leave for other jobs or move from the area.

We chose October 13, 2015, for the date of our next annual banquet. Pat will contact Andy Wenig (room setup) and Zack Ball (catering) to check on availability. Pat will co-chair next year’s banquet with Jim and Ruth Wiersma.

ID Card

We had 21 people sign up for an ID card the night of the banquet, with 6 more getting a card in October. There are about 350 retirees, with 198 on our listserve that received information about getting the ID card. Tracy continues to work on getting perks from other campus departments for the card. We want the same discounts that the alumni receive. Frank will talk with Bookstore Manager Pat Sorelle about getting a 10% discount on merchandise. Randy and Chuck will work on the parking issue, possibly talking with Kelly Franz and Tom Kujawa. Other perks we want to include are library privileges, Athletics Events, University Arts Events and performances at the Weidner Center for the Performing Arts.

Retiree Trifold Brochure Update

Tracy gave us an updated copy of the brochure. Before distribution to retirees, we want to include all the highlights of the ID card, including parking and bookstore discount. We will move/delete some of the photos in the brochure to accommodate the ID Card information. We will review the brochure again next month.

Tracy Announcements

- - Tracy told us about a $1 million scholarship donation from the Dr. Herbert and Crystal Sandmire to go toward students intending to pursue careers in medical or related fields. The Sandmires have matched a record for the single largest scholarship donation in the college’s history.

- - Chancellor Miller’s installation date is Friday, November 14, 2014.

-- Alumni Reunion days were held October 24-25. Attendance was down this year. Next year’s reunion will be held October 13-14, 2015.

-- The “50 Years of Excellence” celebration will begin Wednesday, September 2, 2015. The date is the last day of school and the actual day the campus opened. Jeanne Stangel is chair of the celebration activities. Paula Marcec and Tracy Heaser are committee co-chairs. The anniversary committee has 4 core groups: Academic, Student Life, Alumni, and Community with 3 working groups consisting of 1) Major Events (speakers), 2) Marketing and Communication, 3) History and Archives. Volunteers are needed.

Retiree Scholarship for 2015

Financial Aid will continue to choose our Retiree Association scholarship recipient. We have been distributing a yearly $700 scholarship. We need $25,000 in our scholarship fund to increase the amount to $1000. We are a couple thousand shy of that goal.

Salon Program Series

Jane and Sue Goral are presenting two holiday piano concerts on December 3, one at 2 p.m. and one at 7 p.m. Jane will talk with Cliff Abbott and Linda Curl about performing compositions for piano 4-hands and possibly having a sing along at the evening performance. To date we have 6 people attending. Jim will send out another e-mail to the listserve. We decided not to specifically ask for a $25 donation to attend.

By-Law Revisions

We need to look at choosing Board members in a different manner than on a ballot. Our main goal would be to get people interested in being on the Board and then internally the Board members can select a President. A possibility for the secretary’s job would be that everyone has a turn taking minutes. We will put this on hold until next month.

Winter Events

Jane is working on a slide ID party. She asked Pat to contact some retired classified employees who would be willing to meet for about 2 hours in the Library Archives to go over slides to name people and events. Jane gave Pat several dates that would be available for working in Archives.

Informed Choice Presentation

Jim indicated that Informed choice needs 90 days notice to set up a presentation. We will talk with them next year and try to set up a presentation in the 1965 room during the month of September or October 2015. Informed Choice is flexible with dates and times. It was suggested that we have the presentation on the day that UWGB holds their Benefits Fair. This year it was held October 8 from 11-2:30. Tracy will check with HR see if a date is set for next year. She thought it was usually the second Wednesday in October.

Board Meeting Schedule

We will meet December 9, 2014, and then February 10, 2015 and April 7, 2015. We will not meet during the months of January and March.

New Business

Jim said that Ron Starkey was interested in serving on the Board in some capacity. Jim will contact Ron and enthusiastically welcome him to our December meeting.

The meeting adjourned at 10:44 a.m. Our next meeting will be Tuesday, December 6, at 9:30 in ES307.

Respectfully Submitted,

Pat Przybelski, Secretary