UW-Green Bay Retiree Association
Board of Directors’ Meeting
Minutes
Tuesday, April 12, 2011

Attendance
Jim Wiersma (president), Mike Murphy, Betty Baer, Mark Brunette, Pat Przybelski, Chuck Rhyner, Lee Schwartz
Excused: Ken Fleurant, Barbara McClure-Lukens Sally Mancoske, Marge Weidner

The meeting was called to order at 9:00 a.m.

Approval of Minutes

With two typographical corrections, the minutes of the March 8, 2011, meeting were approved. Thanks to Jim for taking and submitting the minutes.

Committee Updates

Betty Baer reported that she hopes the oral history interviews will be completed by June, but some of them may not because of interviewee’s absences, etc. The team working with the faculty has completed four interviews to date. We then need to prepare a summary/highlight of each audio/video.

Betty wondered if we perhaps should have taken a broad overview of the founding of the University from the many different perspectives as represented on the committee. A specific such as curriculum should maybe have been addressed later and by a faculty committee, since they are the people who developed and implemented the curriculum. And we wondered if newly hired faculty become so overwhelmed with their new teaching responsibilities that they don’t have the time to learn about the history and origin of our University’s curriculum.

The service committee was part of the oral history committee, but service never really got started. A new service committee chair will need to be identified.

The Community Leadership and development of the university portion has been completed.

The membership committee has dropped the $5 membership charge because it is more paperwork than what is it worth. We discussed recruitment of people to serve on committees, and Betty wondered if dropping the membership fee has resulted in no identifiable group of persons who really are interested in working with the retiree’s organization.

It was mentioned that Paul Davis kept a journal of the beginning of the university and it is now in our campus archives. We will check into this.

We would like to make interviews available on our website, but instead of the entire audio/video it was suggested we put snippets of the most memorable moments, i.e., the early annual trout boil, ice cream and cheese socials, etc.
Betty would like to have all teams finish their phase of work by June 1, when she will be stepping down as chair of the oral history committee.

We should check with the Chancellor for some in kind money to assist with our project (use of media services or media expertise). To date, the chancellor has not seen any of the project.

Roger Hornacek, Coordinator of Video, Audio, News, and Media Relations, had indicated his department might assist the oral history project, but has since resigned from his position.

Mark Brunette Updates
Retiree Association Scholarship: The deadline was extended, but to date there were no applications submitted for the $700 scholarship. Why? The only requirement is to answer one application question. How do we get more exposure?

Mark will assist with putting retiree announcements on the website, the Inside Magazine, and on the listserv: annual dinner, golf outing, the scholarship form with a PDF to download, mention of the oral history project, dates/times for the three retiree monthly gatherings.

May Arboretum Walk
The Arboretum walk is scheduled for Tuesday, May 10 at 10:30 a.m. Gary Fewless, UWGB Botanist, will lead the walk through the flowering spring vegetation. Meet at the southwest entrance and park along the roadway on the right near the first sign after entering.

Retiree Activities
Mark your calendar for the regularly scheduled retiree breakfasts held each month:
8:00 a.m. on the 1st Tuesday of each month at the Bay Family Restaurant (West Room), on S. Military; 8:30 a.m. on the 3rd Wednesday of each month at Sweet Seasons Restaurant in Dykesville; 9:00 a.m. for a women’s gathering the 1st Monday of each month at the Clarian Hotel [formerly Holiday Inn City Centre].

June 6 will be the next campus photo identification meeting with Deb Anderson.

Friday, August 26, 2011, Golf Outing at Shorewood. Check-in Time 12:30 pm. Save this date to participate and help the Retirees Association raise more scholarship dollars. The event will be open to the public so invite your friends to join the fun. There will be prizes and food. More details will follow later in summer.

Tuesday, October 18, 2011, Annual Retiree Banquet. The evening program and menu details will be sent in early fall.

Summer Meeting Schedule
The committee will meet the second Tuesday of May, June, and August, skipping July. We will continue to meet at the Lambeau Cottage until our new office on the third floor of the ES building becomes available in 2012.
New Business
A suggestion was made that we hold noon brown bag lunches on campus so that retirees can be made aware of what’s happening on campus.

It was discussed at a retiree’s monthly breakfast that it might be nice to set up periodic tours at various industries in the area, i.e., sewage plant, water treatment plant, so that we can learn more about our community.

Our next meeting will be held May 10, 2011, at 9:00 am in the Lambeau Cottage, followed by an arboretum walk at 10:30 at the southwest entrance. Wear your walking shoes!

The meeting adjourned at 10:15 a.m.

Pat Przybelski, Secretary