**UW‐Green Bay Retiree Association**

**Board of Directors’ Meeting**

**Minutes**

Tuesday, December 10, 2013

ES 307

Attendance

Jim Wiersma (president), Tracy Heaser, Ginny Dell, Michael Kraft, Gary Mach, Frank Madzarevic, Pat Przybelski, Jane Rank, Lee Schwartz, Roger Vanderperren

Excused: Chuck Rhyner

Guest: Debra Anderson

Our meeting was called to order at 9:35 a.m.

Approval of Minutes

The minutes of November 12, 2013, were approved without change.

Report on Basketball Game Event

Tracy said they had great facilities for their gathering at the Resch Center, which included pizza, beer and wine. Fifteen people attended, and the Phoenix won. The Founders Association received a check for $250,000 from the Packer organization for a new scholarship, with a match stipulation. So the $250,000 will become a $500,000 scholarship with matching funding. Currently less than 5% of UW-Green Bay students receive a scholarship.

Banquet Date/Speakers

We have October 7, 2014, chosen for our next annual retiree dinner. This will be Pat’s last year on the Board and as chair of the banquet committee. We will send out a note on the listserve later this year asking for volunteers to assist with the dinner planning, hoping that someone will become chair for 2015. Pat asked Tracy if the “After Thoughts” program schedule has been set for their evening presentations, as last year there was a conflict with our annual dinner and we had to change our date to the following week. Tracy said they do not coordinate their dates with the Weidner Center until later in the year. We discussed speakers for our dinner and it was suggested we have someone from the University’s “50Years of Excellence” committee present at the banquet, possibly on the first five years of the campus. Another suggestion was a presentation by a former UWGB program called “Knapsack Storytellers.” The storytellers consisted of multiple groups of people from the University League. They would take a children’s book and act it out-- recreate the story. We could ask if any group(s) would be willing to present a twelve minute story.

Nomination Procedure for Board of Directors Vacancies

The bylaws state that we have a Nomination Committee consisting of three people. Currently we do not have anyone on this Standing Committee; the Board members have been calling people to run for office. Tracy will get the Board a list of retirees from the last five years so that we can begin to make calls to retirees asking if they would be willing to serve on this committee. We are in need of people to serve on three Standing committees: Nomination, Membership, and Communication.

Debra Anderson Project Ideas

Project 1.  Debra said that the Neville Museum has many Green Bay Press Gazette photos in their archives which are not included in our UWGB Archives (Earth Day, campus groundbreaking, tour of early buildings, interviews with Weidner and students, etc.).  The Neville has a grant to digitize all of the Press Gazette negatives from 1960-1982.  There are approximately 17,800 negatives that pertain to UWGB.  How can we access them and make use of them for our anniversary?   The Neville indicated if we provide labor to scan the images they will provide any image we want to use at one-half their normal cost for a high resolution image.  Jane Rank had done an estimate and thought there was about 500 hours of labor involved in scanning all the negatives.  We need people to first scan the sleeve with the date and name of the topic, and then scan the negatives from the sleeves, creating a thumbnail image. The thumbnails would become a permanent resource for UWGB through the Archives.  This project might take about six months.  The Neville has two scanners that could be used Wednesday afternoon, all day Thursday and Friday, and possibly some Saturdays.  It would be great if two people could work together for a couple hours a week.  We will send out a notice on our listserv asking people to help with this project, even if it is a couple hours twice a month. The training will be provided by the Neville. No prior technical expertise is needed.

 Project 2.  Identify a large photo collection of unidentified pictures in the University Archives from 1965-1985.  We would get about 20 retirees in the Archives room and make a fun day of picking out names of people in the pictures to help put together the missing story of these campus events. The images pertain to various aspects of campus:  faculty meetings and committee, classroom work, formal portraits, social gatherings, etc.

Project 3.  A Scanathon.   Bring in personal pictures pertaining to campus history and scan them for the Archives, if you do not wish to give them up.  This project could be done at the end of March through early April on a Monday or Tuesday.  The Archives would like to collect images pertaining to various events and university experiences (e.g. Second Hand Gear store, events at Shorewood, Earth Day observations, visits from national and state political candidates, January trips abroad, theater events, etc.)  The Archives will be working on a similar project for All Alumni Weekend to capture student photos.

The Board needs to make an effort to contact people who might be interested in helping out on these projects. We can mention the projects and ask for help at the monthly Monday and Tuesday Retiree Breakfasts.

Shorewood Golf Course Beautification Project

People interested in working on a beautification project of planting flowers in planters at the golf course t-boxes are Jim, Frank. Lee, Pat, and Nate Rusch (Shorewood Club greens keeper). We will also send out a list serve in spring to see if anyone else is interested in this project.

New Business

Retiree ID card. Tracy said there is still work to be done between the HR and Union computer systems so they can talk to one another. She is working on pulling several pieces together and coordinating an update.

The retiree office suite is almost available for the Board to use. We have office furniture and file cabinets and we are waiting for the computer to be installed.

The meeting adjourned at 11:10 a.m.

Our next meeting will be held January 14 at 9:30 in our ES 307 office. Tracy will e-mail Board members a parking permit.

Respectfully Submitted,

Pat Przybelski, Secretary