UW-GREEN BAY RETIREE ASSOCIATION MINUTES

16th Annual Dinner Meeting, October 1, 2015

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 consisting of Pat and Reb Przybelski, Jim and Ruth Wiersma, and Tracy Heaser, our liaison in Advancement office. Jim introduced our guest speaker Chancellor Gary Miller and his wife Georgia and our scholarship recipient Lauren Ruben and her guest Isaac Effa. 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 celebratory 50th anniversary cake and ice cream brought to our table at the end of the meal, President Jim Wiersma called the meeting to order. Jim gave an annual update of Board activities during the year: 5th Spring Arboretum walk led by Paul Sager, 5th annual golf outing, a continuation of the golf course beautification project, and library archive project ID. Jim thanked the current Board members for their commitment and contributions to the Retiree Association.

Jim introduced Jane Rank, chair of the Oral History Project, who gave an update on the progress of the Oral History Project interviews and the Library Archives Project. This year Deb Anderson brought a 4 panel display of photographs that spanned 50 years of campus history, which included buildings, athletics, faculty/staff, and student life. Everyone enjoyed reminiscing over these pictures.

Jim next introduced Professor Emeritus Paul Sager, who gave a presentation on the history of the Cofrin Arboretum.

The election of three Board members was next on the meeting agenda: Vice-President, Treasurer, and Member-at-Large for the 2015-17 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 Vice-President. No one came forward. After a third call, Michael Kraft was nominated for another term and he again accepted the position as Vice-President. Jim then called for nominations from the floor for the position of Treasurer. No one came forward. After a third call for nominations, Frank Madzarevic was nominated for another term and he again accepted the position as Treasurer. Jim then called for nominations from the floor for the position of Member-at-large. No one came forward. After a third call, Roger Vanderperren was nominated for another term and he again accepted the position. Our new Board will consist of President Jim Wiersma, Vice-President Michael Kraft, Secretary Pat Przybelski, Treasurer Frank Madzarevic and two Members-At-Large Roger Vanderperren and Randy Christopherson.

Jim then introduced our special guest speaker, Chancellor Gary Miller. His presentation was titled “Higher Education in Wisconsin: the Future.”

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

Pat Przybelski, Secretary