RETIREE ASSOCIATION MINUTES

NOVEMBER 10, 2015

9:30 A.M, ALUMNI ROOMS AB

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

Excused: Jane Rank

Minutes of the September 8, 2015, Board meeting and the October 1, 2015, annual banquet meeting were approved without change.

Jim thanked Board members Michael, Frank and Roger for agreeing to continue on in their current positions for another two-year term. We are disappointed that new retirees are not coming to the October annual dinner, especially for the extra effort put forth this year when mailing the invitations. The picture panels set up at the banquet were great to reminisce about the early campus years, and the meal was very good with a “gold” anniversary theme throughout. It was suggested that maybe having a retiree happy hour gathering some place off campus during the year might garner some interest in Board activities. We could have Board members invite recent retirees to the gathering and meet them there.

Tracy Updates

- The Vice Chancellor for University Advancement has been hired and will begin January 1, 2016. An announcement will be made soon.

- Tracy learned that the state audited the University’s raffle license and it was not in compliance. Going forward, if we want a bucket raffle or sell tickets at the door for a 50/50 raffle, the Retiree Association must purchase a Class B raffle license. The cost is $25 which is awarded for a year. The golf outing putting contest would be considered a raffle. And because any raffle is considered a form of gambling, Tracy can no longer help us sell anything for the golf outing as an employee of UW-Green Bay.

- The Faculty Senate voted to make the change from two Colleges to four beginning the spring semester 2016.

- In commemoration of our 50th Anniversary, the Chancellor and Mrs. Miller will serve as the Grand Marshals of the Downtown Green Bay Holiday Parade on November 21, 2015.

- Chancellor Miller will hold a Veteran Reception in the Phoenix Rooms on November 11, 2015.

2016 Retiree Banquet Date

Pat will call to schedule the 2016 annual banquet for either Wednesday, October 5, or Thursday, October 6, 2016. Tracy distributed the final 2015 annual banquet figures, and the bottom line was a $45.60 profit.

Future Banquet Ideas

1) Mike Troyer led a panel for LIR, asking questions of the panel members. We thought maybe we could have a panel at our next year’s banquet and then skip having a speaker. We would try to get faculty/members from the Business area on the panel and then hopefully get them interested in the Retiree Association; 2) What happened over the last 50 years? Put together a short film; 3) Have a speaker for a shortened half hour presentation and then for the other half hour have the Knapsack Storytellers; 4) Ron suggested we put together a video, asking faculty/staff to each talk for 3 minutes each about a fun story they would like to share while an employee of UW-Green Bay; 5) This would involve editing, but we could take small excerpts from some of the many audio interviews made by Jane and put them together in a presentation. Because these are audio interviews, we would put a picture on the screen of the person speaking.

Projects for 2016

1) Arboretum: Keith White and Les Raduenz, along with Jane Rank and Roger, took a walk to evaluate the Arboretum. Roger videotaped the walk. Keith said that there are only 50 different prairie species around campus and we should really have about 200. Jim will talk with Bob Howe, Director of the Cofrin Center for Biodiversity, to discuss the Arboretum. If we could get more plant species, would they welcome volunteers to help plant? We could contact Neil Diebold to see if he would donate some plants for this project. If this is a go, we would send an e-mail to our listserv to ask retirees to help with the planting.

2) Change the By-laws: We need a subcommittee to identify parts of the by-laws that need changing. Jim, Ginny, Frank and Tracy will work on this. We would need to bring the changes to the next annual banquet for approval.

3) The Shorewood Golf Course beautification is a go again for 2016.

4) We should try to find named sponsors for our yearly golf outing: a title sponsor and/or hole sponsors. $950 should cover the golfing, cart and food, so a $1000 sponsor would cover this, or $1500 would cover the full event, with $500 going toward our scholarship fund. This would also be a safety net in case of rain. We will contact Northwestern Mutual and Wells Fargo Bank to see if they would like to be a part of our golf outing in some way.

Scholarship Award

As we are celebrating the 50th anniversary of UW-Green Bay, we should do some kind of fund raising to get money for our scholarship. We currently have $23,460.20 in the fund and we need $25,000 before we can increase the yearly scholarship to $1000.

Jane Rank Report

Jane was unable to attend the meeting, but she indicated that there have been 121 interviews done to date.

New Business

There were 8 people on this year’s Arboretum walk, but it was a very cold day. We will hold the walk again next year on Tuesday, May 10, 2016, and tie it in with a luncheon at the Shorewood Club.

We discussed how often the Board should meet during the year. We will skip December and January, and meet again in February. Several members will leave for warmer weather in February, March and April. We liked the Alumni Rooms AB for our meeting, so Tracy will book it again for next month.

Tracy distributed the final 2015 golf outing event figures. We made a profit of $222.50, with an additional $882 going toward our scholarship fund.

The meeting adjourned at 10:30 a.m. Our next meeting will be at 9:30 a.m. on February 9, 2016, in the Alumni Rooms AB.

Respectfully Submitted,

Pat Przybelski, Secretary