

RETIREE ASSOCIATION MINUTES
APRIL 12, 2016
9:30 A.M, ES 307

Attendance: Jim Wiersma (president), Tracy Heaser, Michael Kraft, Frank Madzarevic, Pat Przybelski, Chuck Rhyner, Roger Vanderperren

Excused: Randy Christopherson, Ginny Dell, Jane Rank, Ron Starkey

Minutes of the November 10, 2015, Board meeting were approved without change.

T. Heaser Updates

- J. Lance Cavanaugh is the new Vice Chancellor for University Advancement. He began January 1, 2016.
- Crystal Osman was hired as the Manager of University Events in Advancement.
- A search is on to fill the vacant position of Director of Development in Advancement.
- The April 7-8, 2016, Board of Regents campus visit went very well.
- A "50 and Forward" celebration will be held at the Kress Center May 6 from 5-7:30 p.m. It is one of the major events culminating UW-Green Bay's golden anniversary. Faculty, staff, retirees, donors and community friends are invited. Sponsorship dollars will be used for this event.
- There annual campus cookout which recognizes retirees will not be held this year. The campus is instead looking at a possible May reception at the Weidner Center.
- There will be a Scholarship Reception April 25, 2016, in the Phoenix Rooms for about 400 UW-Green Bay students who will receive a scholarship. The Retiree Association Board is invited to attend this reception to meet our scholarship recipient.
- Budget: Cuts from last year are starting to happen. We are not sure what will happen for the next biennium. Budget issues can only get worse.

Calendar of Events

- Our Arboretum walk will be held May 10 at 11:00 a.m. following the Board Meeting. We will begin our walk from the Lambeau Cottage.
- Shorewood Golf Course beautification project. Jim will contact Rick Warpinski to see if there is money available to plant flowers again in May.
- Annual Retiree Golf Outing. Jim will check if the dates of August 4, 11, 18 or 25 are available.
- Annual Retiree Banquet. The date has been set for Wednesday, October 5, 2016. We discussed possible guest speakers. Jim will check with Professor John Katers, the new Dean of the College of Science and Technology, to see if he might be interested. John continues to work on the Sustainable Management Program.

Jane Rank Update

- Jane was unable to attend the meeting, but she informed Jim that she will need money to buy little things for the Oral History Project. We will ask for donations at our annual banquet in October.

By-Laws Report/Discussion

- Updates to the bylaws were discussed and the changes will be presented at our annual dinner in October. First priority, however, is to get people to serve on the Board. The Board can then internally elect its members to fill the vacant positions.

Scholarship Award

We will again have Financial Aid assist in selecting our recipient. Tracy took a look at our Endowment Fund and we are very close to being able to award a \$1000 scholarship. We will increase our award to \$950 this year.

Neil Diboll Award

Neil will receive the 2016 Earth Caretaker award on April 21 in the Phoenix Rooms.

Graduation Exercises Attendance

The spring commencement will be held May 14, 2016, at 11:30 am in the Kress Events Center.

The meeting adjourned at 10:30 a.m. Our next meeting will be at 9:30 a.m. on May 10, 2016, at the Lambeau Cottage. The Arboretum walk will follow at 11:00 a.m., starting at Lambeau Cottage.

Respectfully Submitted,
Pat Przybelski, Secretary