

RETIREE ASSOCIATION MINUTES
JUNE 14, 2016
9:30 A.M, LAMBEAU COTTAGE

Attendance: Jim Wiersma (president), Randy Christopherson, Tracy Heaser, Frank Madzarevic, Pat Przybelski, Jane Rank, Chuck Rhyner, Roger Vanderperren

Excused: Ginny Dell, Michael Kraft, Ron Starkey

Minutes of the May 10, 2016, Board meeting were approved with one minor change.

Information Items

Jim mentioned some health issues with a few of our retirees. We wish them well.

T. Heaser Updates

- Because of the many UW System employees taking an early leave and retiring, there has been a large savings in the System Human Resources area. UW-Green Bay will be receiving \$2.7 million. This is a one-time gift and not included in our budget. The money cannot be used for hiring staff or base salary increases.
- Tracy has applied for the Director of Development position in University Advancement vacated by Kim Desotell. If Tracy is hired to fill this position, she is not sure if her new duties will include liaison to the Retiree Association.
- Hilary Clinton and President Obama will campaign in Green Bay at the Kress Center sometime in the future.
- Tracy discussed our financial report. We currently have \$24,650 in our retiree scholarship fund. We need \$25,000 in order to award a \$1000 scholarship next year. Our total operating budget is \$1960, which will be available for our annual golf outing and banquet expenses.

Golf Outing

The date for the golf outing has been changed from August 11 to Friday, August 12, 2016. We will need to start collecting prizes again: Pat from Shorewood Golf course, Jim from Wells Fargo Bank, Frank from NW Mutual Insurance.

Golf Course Enhancement Project

Jim talked with Rick Warpinski and we will get some money again this year for plants. Nate will also assist. Be on the lookout for some oak barrels for planting flowers. Jim will let us know dates to help with the planting.

Jane Rank Update

The Oral History Project began in 2009 and throughout the years has completed a total of 130 interviews. Since September of 2015 eight interviews have been completed. The Committee has two current members: Jane Rank and Roger Vanderperren. Jane is trying to schedule interviews with Jim Murray and Paul Otto for the summer.

Jane discussed several issues of concern with the Project: 1) Phone interviews started in the Retiree conference room, then got moved to the Advancement conference room, then the Library space, and now they are moved to Roger's basement. 2) We no longer have money for this project. If the Retiree Association is doing this project for the Advancement Office then they should give us money, at least for the cost of the CDs. They need to support us with some financial assistance. We need a small amount of petty cash. 3) The original plan was to put transcripts of the interviews on line. The cost became prohibitive and we couldn't find

someone to do the transcription. 4) Audio interviews are recorded digitally and given to the Library, who in turn burns them onto a CD, which will eventually deteriorate over the next 10 years because the Library cannot put them on electronically. The repository in the Library needs to figure out how to handle this. We need on-line permanent archiving of these interviews. We need to come up with a plan. And we need to get additional help. 5) History in Green Bay is starting to mature. The Oral History Project started as a narrow project but has matured and is now beyond the scope of what the Project can do. Is it beyond library capabilities? The project should be funded appropriately with some staff. We are celebrating 50 years of history and we are growing; we do not want to lose our history. 6) We are asking ourselves: How does the University look at the Oral History Project? Do they want to see it continue?

Tracy will look into these issues with Jane and Deb/Paula from the Library to try to resolve our concerns.

New Officers

We need to reach out to retirees and ask them to put their names on the ballot to be a member of the Board of Directors. It may be easier now to recruit with the change to our bylaws where we do not specifically elect officers but members to the Board of Directors

2017 Annual Banquet

We need to recruit volunteers to assist with the annual banquet. This will be Pat's last year as chair. John Katers, the new Dean of the College of Science and Technology, has agreed to be our guest speaker.

- Kumar Kangayappan retires after 48 years. His retirement party will be held in the 1965 Room May 10.

- We will receive an invitation to the Weidner Center to celebrate the retirement of 47 University employees. The date is May 23 from 4-6:00 p.m. This reception will replace the annual cookout honoring retirees.

-A'viands will no longer be the catering service at the University after July 1. Chartwells will be the new service beginning August 1. Chartwells will honor anything scheduled on the calendar prior to August 1. Pat will e-mail A'viands and give them our October banquet menu and confirm the price of \$17.95 per person for the meal.

Arboretum Walk

It's raining this morning, so we are cancelling our 11:00 a.m. Arboretum walk.

The meeting adjourned at 11:30 a.m. Our next meeting will be at 9:30 a.m. on June 14, 2016, at the Lambeau Cottage.

Respectfully Submitted,
Pat Przybelski, Secretary