

RETIREE ASSOCIATION MINUTES
OCTOBER 11, 2016
9:30 A.M, 1965 ROOM

Attendance: Jim Wiersma, Ginny Dell, Jessica Hopp, Michael Kraft, Frank Madzarevic, Pat Przybelski, Chris Sampson, Dan Spielman

Excused: Judi Pietsch, Ron Starkey, Roger Vanderperren,

Introductions

Introductions of the current Board members were made to new Board members Chris Sampson and Dan Spielman. Judi Pietsch was unable to attend due to a prior commitment.

Thank You Letter

Jim Wiersma, who has retired from the Board of Directors but attended to assist with the transition of the new Board, will write a thank you letter to Dean John Katers, who gave an excellent presentation about the University's future changes at our Annual Retiree Banquet October 5.

Review of Board's Purpose and Operation

The purpose of the Board is to provide a venue where retired people can get together to renew friendships at various events and to raise money for our scholarship fund.

The Board generally meets at 9:30 a.m. every 2nd Tuesday of the month either at Lambeau Cottage during the summer or at our retiree conference room in ES307. Meetings are held as needed, with nothing usually scheduled for the months of February and March when the snowbirds leave for warmer weather. The Board will decide next month if we continue with this time and date.

Sponsored Events

Four annual events are sponsored by the Retiree Board: 1) The Spring arboretum walk, which is held the second week of May, was cancelled this year due to rain. 2) The August 12 6th annual Retiree golf outing held at the Shorewood Golf Course was held on a Friday this year and attendance was not as good as in the past, so we will look at changing the date for next year. 3) The Annual Banquet was held October 5 with a good attendance. 4) The Shorewood Golf Course beautification project is now in its 3rd year. Jim has been working with Nate to purchase flowers and plant them around the shelter on the 6th hole and also in various wine barrels around the course. Jim said the dirt needs to be replaced with better soil next year. We would like to see these four events continue, and possibly add events to involve the retirees.

Election of Officers

The Board will discuss how we would like to deal with election of Boards officers at the November meeting.

Methods of Communication

We reach retirees with information through our listserve (signup is made upon retiring with the HR office or anytime in the future), our Retiree Association website at www.uwgb.edu/retiree, and through information sent to the LOG.

Each email sent through our listserve has information on how to subscribe or unsubscribe from this list. To subscribe you send a single line message of "subscribe uwgbretirees-l" to listmanager@listserve.uwgb.edu

Date for 18th Annual Retiree Banquet

Per the Boards choice of a date at last month's meeting, Pat has scheduled Wednesday, October 4, 2017, for our next Retiree Banquet.

Retiree Annual Scholarship

This year the Financial Aid Office awarded two \$500 scholarships to students. We questioned why two this year when in the past they have always given one scholarship. In looking at our retiree scholarship application prepared back in 2010, we indicated that "The Retiree Association will award one \$500 scholarship for the 2010-2011 academic year." However, for the 2016-17 academic year we reached our endowed scholarship goal of \$25,000 and we were able to award a \$1000 scholarship, but due to the wording on the application the Financial Aid Office gave out two \$500 scholarships. We will have to change our application. We will discuss this at our November meeting.

New Bylaws

The revised Bylaws were approved at the October 5 Banquet. Jessica was asked to update our website with the new Bylaws.

New Future Events

- The Oral History Project will continue with interviews. Members on the committee are Jane Rank, Roger Vanderperren (audio), Joan Thron, and Cliff Abbott. Anyone interested is working on this committee can contact Jane.

- Deb Anderson, Library Archives, may set up more sessions with retirees to assist in identifying mystery photos. Retirees that have worked on this project in the past have thoroughly enjoyed going through old University photos.

- Chris Sampson mentioned the upcoming November 18 theatre play "Searching for Romeo" written by Professor Brian Sutton. He suggested contacting the theatre department to see if we could get a block of theatre seats at a discount for retirees. Everyone agreed that would be a great idea/event. Chris will check into this.

- Jim mentioned that Jane Rank indicated if there was interest she could possibly set up an 8-hand piano concert at her home again. Jane has two baby grand pianos in her home and she sponsored a wine and cheese social along with a 4-hand piano concert September 17, 2013, and everyone had an enjoyable evening. We received a sizable amount of donations for our Retiree Association Scholarship from this event.

New Business

Golf Outing: Jessica distributed a financial report for the golf outing. The golf outing expenses were \$1645.50 with a profit of \$222.50. We asked Jessica if she could break that down as to how many people attended, what we charged individuals for the event and what Shorewood charged us for golfing, how much was received as scholarship donations, any other expenses, and what our total profit was for the outing.

We also asked Jessica to give us a financial report next month on the October 5 Banquet to include food costs from Chartwells, printing and postage charges, any scholarship donations, and our total profit for the banquet.

Think of ways to involve our more recent retirees to attend events.

There have been many new Administrative employees, positions, and internal changes on campus and we would like to get an organizational chart. Pat will contact the Chancellor's office and Provost's office to see if one is available.

Minutes of the September 13 meeting and the October 5 Retiree Annual Dinner were approved without change.

Meeting adjourned at 10:30 am. With no pending issues to discuss, we will skip the month of December and meet at 9:30 on January 10, 2017, in the Retiree Office ES307.

Respectfully Submitted
Pat Przybelski, Secretary