

RETIREE ASSOCIATION MINUTES
May 9, 2017
9:30 A.M, Lambeau Cottage

Attendance: Pat Przybelski, Chris Sampson, Jim Wiersma, Ron Starkey, Roger Vanderperren, Michael Kraft, Dan Spielmann, Virginia Dell, Frank Madzarevic. Guest: Jacob Depas

Minutes of the April 2017 meeting were approved without change.

Update on Retiree Association Office

Pat Przybelski reported back on steps being taken now that the Retiree Association's former home office in the ES Building has been reassigned by the University. Among the functions needing to find new homes: A) Hard copies of documents, meeting minutes, and various files will be relocated to the Cofrin Library... either to the University Archives or with the Advancement Office. Pat is working with Advancement to finalize plans. B) Use of office space by Emeriti faculty – It appears sufficient alternatives exist across the University in terms of emeriti suite(s) availability, so this is not a pressing concern of the Retiree Association. C) As for a regularly designated meeting location, the most likely rooms are all in MAC Hall including the Bridge Conference Room on third floor and the Gathering Room on second, each tending to be open and available.

Website Update

Pat reported that she and Chris Sampson recently had spent an hour training with Pat Theyrl of CIT on the new universitywide content management system, Kentico. Chris and Pat P. will, at least initially, take responsibility for updating and maintaining the Retiree Association website.

Introduction of new liaison, Jacob Depas

Jacob Depas is a new development director with the Office of University Advancement. He has been designated by his division to be the interim liaison to the Retiree Association. He told board members that his fundraising "portfolio" involves primarily the College of Business and the College of Science and Technology. He shared updates on the University's progress including steps toward adding an undergraduate engineering program, rapid and early enrollment growth in engineering technology, increasing interest in the social work master's, and plans in the liberal arts to strengthen academic use of the Weidner Center and to focus renewed attention on the Lawton Gallery as a valued resource. He also spoke optimistically of potential development of a Phoenix Innovation Park.

Report on Premier World Discovery Tours

Jim Wiersma shared an update following additional conversation with the Premier World representative. The company does a good deal of business with retiree organizations, and trips typically range from \$2,000 to \$4,000 per person in cost. (If the UWGB Retiree Association formally partners with Premier World, our organization

would receive a percentage returned per each registration.) Jim and Pat volunteered to take the lead in further fact-finding, both in discussion with the company and with UWGB's own Alumni Association, which has past experience in running University-affiliated travel offerings in partnership with outside vendors, and could be a partner moving forward if the Retirees move to promote international travel opportunities.

Golf Course project

Pat, Ron Starkey and Frank M. all volunteered to help again with the annual Shorewood Golf Course beautification project. (Retiree Association volunteers help with flower planting by providing supplemental peoplepower.)

Golf outing on Aug. 17

Pat and Jim said they would talk with the Shorewood management to lock in final details for the Aug. 17 fundraiser. It was mentioned that Wells Fargo, a generous sponsor last year, has committed again to significant support. All that remains is to finalize the various cost/registration amounts before the event can be publicized.

The meeting adjourned at 10:30 a.m. in time for the annual Retirees Association Arboretum Walk. Our next meeting will be at 9:30 am on June 13, 2017, at Lambeau Cottage.

Respectfully Submitted
Chris Sampson, recording secretary