

RETIREE ASSOCIATION MINUTES
August 8, 2017
9:30 A.M, Lambeau Cottage

Attendance: Pat Przybelski, Chris Sampson, Roger Vanderperren, Michael Kraft, Dan Spielmann, Virginia Dell, Judy Pietsch, Ron Starkey, Frank Madzarevic
Excused: Jim Wiersma, ex officio past president

Minutes of the June 2017 meeting were approved.

Introduction of new liaison Morgan Hansen

Morgan Hansen, a 2014 UW-Green Bay alumna and the new event- and annual-giving manager, is the Advancement Office's newly designated liaison to the Retiree Association. Jacob Depas, development director, formally introduced Morgan to the Retiree Board. Depas also mentioned that Vice Chancellor for Advancement Tony Werner would like to address the Retiree Board as early as September. His division's current priorities including student enrollment and growing the scholarship endowment.

New Website is Up, Running

President Pat Przybelski noted that the new Retiree Association website – accomplished with significant assistance from CIT and Pat Theyerl – has gone live and early reviews have been favorable. Board members Dan and Ginny complimented the new look. Pat asked members to contact her if they have any suggestions.

Golf Outing

Only a week out from the annual scholarship Golf Outing, it was reported that pre-registrations totaled 32 as of today. Not an all-time record, but well above the previous year when the choice of a less-desirable Friday date is believed to have limited participation. (This year's date of August 17 was a Thursday).

Plans for fall banquet on Oct. 4

Details are being finalized for the annual Retiree Association banquet on Wednesday evening, October 4. Associate Provost and Graduate Program Director Matt Dornbush has agreed to be our guest speaker. Pat is working with Chartwells' chef to finalize a menu. Following discussion, Board members agreed that a fee of \$24/person, up \$1.50 from last year, remains reasonable and should be sufficient to cover costs. Pat suggested that Board members could assist with the paper invite process by helping stuff envelopes following our early-September board meeting.

Recruiting new members to the Retiree Board

Pat noted that we're due to elect another cohort of Retiree Association Board Members to new or continuing two-year terms. The five board members whose terms are "up" with our October annual meeting are Dell, Kraft, Madzarevic, Starkey and Vanderperren. Several of these individuals said while they would agree to stand for election if asked, they might be happier to "give someone else a turn." What followed was a discussion of healthy succession in a volunteer organization, the benefit of gaining new perspectives, and having a diverse

board. Pat found Board members generally agreeable when she enlisted their help in reaching out to potential candidates (including many in the great wave of regular and “early retirement” departures of recent years.) Discussion followed of possible candidates, and members agreed to contact people they knew. Pat reminded them that an extensive list of UWGB retirees can be found online.

Retiree Association files

The Retiree Association paper files have been relocated to the Advancement Office conference room on the 8th floor of the Cofrin Library.

Retiree volunteers sought for Archives, Phuture Phoenix projects

Pat shared word of two upcoming opportunities for UWGB retirees to contribute time and talent to programs around campus. The first involved another cataloging/identification project in the library’s University Archives. Librarian Deb Anderson has several boxes of both Athletics and faculty/staff photo images, and has scheduled “ID Day” sessions for volunteers to help out on September 11, 12, 18 or 19. Another campus opportunity involves an appeal from Dean Susan Gallagher-Lepak for alumni and retiree volunteers to help out with Phuture Phoenix Day and the logistics of hosting hundreds of local fifth-graders on October 18

‘No go’ on Premier World Discovery Tours

Pat relayed that Jim Wiersma surveyed interest among Retiree Association colleagues in travel opportunities organized by the Premier World Company. With no more than a half dozen or so good prospects, the sense is that UWGB would fall short of the nucleus needed to make us a full partner and receive group discounts/payments. But, we do not have to have a whole group in order to offer a trip. Travelers would be combined with other groups to make up the larger group. So it may just be a nice benefit to offer our retirees, even if only a few take advantage of it.

Promoting Retiree Association to new retirees, staying in touch

The Board discussed the current ways in which the Association advertises itself to new retirees. Ken Fleurant curates the Retiree listserv and attempts to collect post-UWGB addresses from any new retirees. Pat said she talked recently with Mitchell Sabez of the HR Office and learned that exit interviews are not mandatory, so that avenue does not always present itself. When it does, the Association has a brochure that can be shared with the retiring employee. The brochure needs updating before new copies are printed. Ginny and Chris volunteered to tackle that project, this fall. It would be a good time to update the benefits/perks listing, including the need to clarify any Kress Center offerings for retirees. Pat said she would check on this benefit and perhaps others before our next meeting.

The meeting adjourned by 10:30 a.m. Our next meeting is scheduled for Tuesday, September 12, with an earlier meeting time of 9 a.m. sharp, at Lambeau Cottage.

Respectfully Submitted
Chris Sampson, recording secretary