

RETIREE ASSOCIATION MINUTES
Sept. 12, 2017
9 a.m., Lambeau Cottage

Attendance: Pat Przybelski, Chris Sampson, Roger Vanderperren, Dan Spielmann, Virginia Dell, Ron Starkey, Mike Kraft, Frank Madzarevic
Excused: Judi Pietsch

Minutes of the August 2017 meeting were approved.

Recap of recent Scholarship Golf Outing

President Pat Przybelski reported that the August 17 golf outing yielded a final "profit" of \$749 after expenses, with that amount going to the Retiree Association Scholarship Endowment. The final numbers show 32 golfers and three dinner-only participants took part in this year's edition.

Planning for banquet, board election, etc.

Less than a month out from the annual banquet, Pat shared an update on menu plans and invitations (to be mailed out that same day).

Members also reported back on their success in recruiting new board members. Expressing willingness to stand for election and join the Retiree Association Board of Directors were Dave Kieper, Carol Emmons, Curt Heuer and Kathy Pletcher. Those stepping down from the board are expected to be Virginia Dell, Mike Kraft, Roger Vanderperren and Ron Starkey.

As today's board meeting marks the end of the board's 2016-17 calendar, members took a moment to thank and praise President Przybelski for her very capable leadership, tireless service and impressive accomplishments on behalf of the Association over the last year.

ID card and member benefits

Pat shared the results of her efforts to update and inventory the various benefits that accrue to UWGB retirees just for flashing their Retiree ID card. We will update that info in the handout the HR Office makes available to new retirees. (To summarize, see the following list)

- Kress Events Center Usage -- Retirees are charged \$220/year or \$25/month with the ID card. (A discount from senior rates of \$300/year or \$34/month; alumni rates of \$365/yr or \$40/month; community rates of \$410/year or \$44/month)
- Parking -- Free
- Passpoints -- Ability to add cash to ID card for campus use on dining, vending, copying, printing
- Phoenix Bookstore -- 10% discount
- Shorewood Golf Course -- Discounts on golf, food and merchandise. Offers good during months of May, June, July, August, and September
- Cofrin Library -- Free access to library and certain privileges
- Marcus Cinema East -- \$5 admission ticket on Thursday and receive free popcorn

Retiree Association's storehouse of archival material

Pat shared a report on her work in putting the Retiree Association's archive of historic documents and records in order. (It was a project of 30 hours or more on her part). Among the paper records that will be stored in file cabinets in the UWGB Advancement Office:

- Board minutes since 2010
- Notes and records pertaining to the annual retiree dinner, since 1997
- Golf Outing records
- Bylaws since 2010 (missing 2008 and 2009 amendments and anything previous)
- Lists of board officers since 2010
- ID card and perks and benefits history
- Documents pertaining to Retiree Association Scholarship Fund
- Minutes of oral-history project
- Brochures promoting the Association, with notes
- Retiree Website history
- Miscellaneous volunteer projects histories
- Political action efforts (letters to the editors, etc., on budget cuts, other issues)

Discussion of changes to health insurance for state employees/retirees

There was significant discussion of the October "Your Choice" window, and with it the numerous changes involving costs, coverage levels and the reduced number of participating insurance companies in State of Wisconsin coverage programs for current employees and retirees. Several board members shared stories of having to change medical providers because they are being forced to choose new insurance plans for 2018.

While there was some discussion of whether the Retiree Board should go on record about the perceived negative fallout of some of these changes – perhaps via postings, letters or communication to media or legislators – the consensus was that the Association's most valuable service to members would be in encouraging UWGB retirees to be aware of opportunities to learn more about the changes.

The Retiree Association has posted to the list-serve details of the annual Benefits Fair on Oct. 5 in the Phoenix Room, where company reps will be available to answer questions. The HR website has also provided an index of informational links. Pat said she would monitor all-campus emails, with the help of several current UWGB employees, to make sure the retiree list is kept informed of insurance-related developments.

The meeting adjourned by 10 a.m. and was followed by envelope stuffing to get the retiree banquet invitations in the mail.

Respectfully Submitted
Chris Sampson, recording secretary