

RETIREE ASSOCIATION BOARD MINUTES
July 17, 2018
9:30 a.m., Lambeau Cottage

Attendance: President Dan Spielmann, Pat Przybelski, Chris Sampson, Curt Heuer, Carol Emmons, David Kieper, Frank Madzarevic, Judi Pietsch,
Excused absence: Kathy Pletcher
Guest: Roger Vanderperren, Jacob Depas

Minutes of previous meeting

Minutes of the June 19 meeting were reviewed. Motion by Chris, second by Dave, minutes were accepted without change.

Monthly update from University liaison

Jacob Depas, development officer with University Advancement, opened by noting the week's tragic news of the accidental riding death of faculty member Karen Dahlke, who was also a UWGB alumna. He went on to talk about change(s) within the Advancement division, in particular the resignation of fundraiser (and former Retiree Board liaison) Tracy Heaser, who has accepted a similar position with St. Mary's (Minn.) University, closer to her family. In other campus news, he talked about an upcoming on-campus meeting of the Brown County Board at which the new STEM building would be discussed; all signs continue positive for a fall groundbreaking, with more than \$10 million of the \$13 million to be raised already committed. He elaborated a little more on plans for Arboretum enhancements that should be of interest to retirees, community and alumni: the replacement of several trail bridges, the addition of self-guided, nature-trail signage or kiosks to draw more visits by educational groups, and a "grand vision" to generally make the Arboretum more attractive, accessible and educationally useful for the larger community.

Planning for 2018 Benefit Golf Outing

Pat reported that preparations are progressing nicely for the Retiree Association's golf outing – a fundraiser for student scholarships -- on Thursday, Aug. 16, 2018, at Shorewood Golf Course. Donated items for raffle and hole prizes are rolling in, including several items and gift cards brought to the meeting by board members.

Planning for annual banquet, speaker

The fall 2018 event is now scheduled for Wednesday, Oct. 3. It was confirmed that award-winning Door County artist Sandra Martinez has agreed to be our guest speaker. Recognized earlier this year with a prestigious United States Artists Fellowship (carrying a \$50,000 cash award and increased national visibility), Martinez is a UWGB graduate who is co-proprietor of her own Door County gallery specializing in paintings and weavings.

Possible future Retiree events

Chris said he was willing to continue in his unofficial role as “outing coordinator,” and he reiterated that the Retiree Association’s intention to do at least two events per academic year -- one performing arts event along with one Phoenix sports event (typically basketball at the Kress) -- is easily doable, with good potential for building participation in the future. It was mentioned that dedication day for UWGB’s new soccer stadium in early fall could also be of interest to alumni and retirees, given the fact that the nationally ranked soccer team was such a big center of attention in the 1970s for the new university. Chris said he would check with both the Alumni Association and Intercollegiate Athletics if they’re planning any sort of reunion or campus tailgate that the Retirees could attend or even co-promote.

Update on retiree access to no-charge @uwgb.edu email accounts

Dan, with an assist from former CIT director Dave, explained his understanding of new University directives that made some retirees fear they would lose access to their free UWGB email service. As it turns out, UW System IT auditors had indeed questioned the previous arrangement, out of concern that liberal policies that grant accounts to constituencies beyond enrolled students and faculty/staff present security risks (more avenues for hackers and malware). Ultimately, it was agreed that UWGB retirees with free emeritus or “ret” accounts can keep them. The tradeoff will be they’ll annually need to complete required online security training (which takes an hour or so of time).

Recruiting of new board members

Board members discussed potential candidates to join the board. The election of new board members takes place in October at the annual association banquet. Concluding their current terms this year are Dan, Pat, Chris and Judi. Dan and Pat indicated they’d be willing to be nominated for another term; Chris said he’d be 50-50 and would gladly yield to any interested newcomer, and Judi said her schedule is changing and she’d likely decline. It was agreed that board members would think about it and bring names to the next monthly meeting.

The next meeting was set for the first week of the fall semester, on Friday, Sept. 7, at 9:30 a.m., again at Lambeau Cottage. The meeting adjourned at about 10:15 a.m.

Respectfully Submitted
Chris Sampson, recording secretary