

RETIREE ASSOCIATION BOARD MINUTES

May 21, 2019

9:30 a.m., Lambeau Cottage

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

Minutes of previous meeting

Minutes of the April 16, 2019, meeting were approved.

Monthly update from University liaison

Jacob Depas, development officer with University Advancement, briefly reviewed recent major developments for the University.

- New electronic message boards are now installed across campus – at major entrances and along Highway 54/57 – to better advertise events, opportunities
- Enrollment is running about 1 percent ahead of pace
- The new engineering majors are drawing good numbers
- The new Master's of Athletics Training is off to a modest start, enrollment-wise
- UWGB is ramping up staffing and curriculum preparations to be ready when the highly anticipated Bachelor's of Nursing program debuts in fall 2020
- Announcement of the University's intent to form the Weidner Philharmonic orchestra was a highlight of the Weidner Center's 2019-20 season reveal

Revision to bylaws: Expanding the size of the Retiree Board

President Spielmann introduced a draft amendment to the bylaws. The proposal would allow for additional members (beyond the current 9) if there is sufficient interest. The new language would change the size of the board from the current set number to a range between 7 and 11 members. While discussion leaned in favor of the change, a question was raised about whether, as long as we're updating this section of the bylaws, we should also clarify the appointment process. The old language specified that the president is authorized to make the appointment; the board's preference for an updated policy would be to have any member capable of bringing forward a nomination, subject to approval by the full board. It was requested that a new version of the amendment, reflecting this month's discussion, be brought to the next board meeting. Pat volunteered to capture the amendments to the amendment, with strikethroughs and new additions, and share copies at or before our next meeting.

Question of campus parking

Dan shared details of a conversation with UWGB's Public Safety department about Retiree Board member parking for meetings on the central campus. He asked members to share their license plate info with him, so he can submit to Public Safety. Public Safety has agreed that those vehicles should be ensured a spot on the pass list for the Visitor Parking Lot adjacent to MAC Hall.

Featured speaker for fall 2019 retiree dinner

Consensus was reached on the preferred program for the annual Retiree Association Dinner in fall, a presentation on fine arts and nature photography. Dan said he would make the contacts to book the speaker.

Arrangements for Retiree golf outing

Pat shared an update on plans for the Retiree Association Benefit Golf Outing set for Thursday, Aug. 15, at Shorewood Golf Course. Sifting through a variety of options with an eye on relative costs, different people's dietary preferences or restrictions, and convenience... the vote was for a BBQ sandwich dinner with various sides.

Shorewood beautification volunteer day

A good time was had by all, and various spots around Shorewood are now brightened by flowers. Thanks to Pat and Reb Przybelski, Jim Wiersma and Ron Starkey for volunteering their planting time on May 15.

Other business: Book store discount?

A sharp-eyed UWGB retiree noticed that the Retiree Association website continues to advertise a 10% merchandise discount at the Phoenix Bookstore. Does the deal still apply, now that the book store is privatized and under new management? Dan said he would approach Bookstore management for clarification.

Next meeting (bring prizes)

The next meeting of the UWGB Retiree Association will be the third Tuesday in June – June 18th – at 9:30 a.m. in the same location, Lambeau Cottage. Board members who have items in mind to donate for door prize or raffle items at the golf outing should bring that "swag" to the meeting, to give to Pat.

Respectfully Submitted
Chris Sampson, recording secretary