

MINUTES

The Emeriti of the University of Southern Indiana Organizing Committee Meeting

Monday, March 7, 2011

Present: Joyce Babillis, Sherry Darrell, Ed Jones, Bob Reid, Helen Sands, Marlene Shaw, Sherrienne Standley.

The meeting was called to order by Sherrienne Standley.

Bylaws. Sherry Darrell reviewed the bylaws, and amendments were offered. On a motion by Bob Reid, seconded by Helen Sands, the amended bylaws were approved unanimously. The amended version of the bylaws is attached to these minutes.

Coordinating Committee and Officers. In compliance with the bylaws, the following slate of Coordinating Committee members, with staggered terms, was nominated:

<i>One-year term:</i>	<i>Two-year term:</i>
Joyce Babillis	Sherry Darrell
Mary Alice Bertram	Ed Jones
Bob Reid	Helen Sands
Marlene Shaw	Sherrienne Standley

The Coordinating Committee offered this slate of officers for the first year:

President – Ed Jones
President-elect – Sherry Darrell
Secretary – Sherrienne Standley
Treasurer – Joyce Babillis
Liaison to USI – Helen Sands

On a motion by Marlene Shaw, seconded by Joyce Babillis, the Coordinating Committee and officers were elected unanimously.

Committees. The Coordinating Committee discussed the formation of committees and consideration of chairs for each committee. The first committees, based on results of an interest survey last fall, will be:

- Genealogy – Larry Goss will be asked to serve as chair
- Bridge – Joyce Babillis has agreed to serve as chair
- Day trips – Mary Alice Bertram will be asked to serve as chair (other resources are Sharon Morrow, Darrel Bigham, Jim Sanders)
- Newsletter – Sherry Darrell and Sherrienne Standley agreed to be co-chairs

Bob Reid discussed an opportunity for a one-time special event. The *Belle of Cincinnati* is making stops along the Ohio River, traveling from Pittsburgh to New Orleans in celebration of the 200th anniversary of steamboats on the Ohio. Exhibits celebrating the impact of steamboat

travel will be at the Evansville Museum and the public library. The boat will be in Evansville on Tuesday, November 8, and will take guests on a dinner cruise. Dr. Reid proposed, and the Coordinating Committee concurred, that it would be a welcome activity for the Emeriti, as well as other members of the USI family. Tickets will be around \$38 per person; we will need an early indicator of interest for our group so that a block can be reserved. The Committee also felt that a pre-boarding educational program, perhaps at the Evansville Museum, should be added. Bob Reid will chair this special event and work with David Bower to include other USI family members. There is more information available on www.steamboat2011.

Next event. President Linda L.M. Bennett has invited the Emeriti for a reception at the University Home on Tuesday, August 16, in late afternoon. The Committee will ask Jim Sanders to make a short presentation about the history of the University Home.

Next Organizing Committee meeting. The next meeting was set for Monday, May 9, at noon in UC East (old Rice Library space). Ed Jones will find a meeting space for us and advise.

Other Business. There was no further business to come before the Coordinating Committee.

Respectfully submitted,
Sherrienne Standley, secretary