

MINUTES

Retired Employees of the University of Southern Indiana
Coordinating Committee Meeting
Monday, May 9, 2011, noon
USI University Center East

Present: Joyce Babillis, Mary Alice Bertram, Sherry Darrell, Ed Jones, Helen Sands, Marlene Shaw, Sherrienne Standley.

1. Call to Order - President Ed Jones called the meeting to order.
2. Review and Approval of Minutes of March 7, 2011, Meeting – the minutes were approved as written on a motion by Sherry Darrell, seconded by Helen Sands.
3. Committee Reports
 - Bridge – Joyce Babillis reported that there are four people (so far) interested in bridge games. She has spoken with Recreation and Fitness Center staff about a room that can be available in Sundays. She will continue to seek other bridge players; promoting this at the next event in August and through the newsletter.
 - Day Trips – Mary Alice Bertram has several ideas and she will engage a committee of other retired employees plus use Leslie Townsend of Historic Southern Indiana as a resource. Places discussed were Madison, Indiana; Columbus, Indiana, French Lick and West Baden, Indiana. It also was suggested that we all watch for speakers of interest and nearby (St. Louis, Nashville, Louisville, Cincinnati) future exhibits to recommend to Mary Alice. She hopes to be able to organize a fall event.
 - Genealogy – Larry Goss has agreed to chair this committee, and his wife Rena, in the process of genealogist certification, may help. We will market this idea in newsletter and at August gathering.
 - Membership – Sherry Darrell circulated a membership form for consideration. The Coordinating Committee discussed amendments in terms of individual/couple fees or discounted fees for the dues-paying members. It was agreed to be flexible going forward, to prepare the membership information, and have it reviewed by an outside person. Marlene Shaw and Helen Sands agreed to share responsibility for moving this forward.
 - Mentors for New Employees – Though this was not a committee agreed on at the previous meeting, it was an area on the survey where there was interest. Ed Jones offered to take the idea to the Provost to get his ideas about the best way to proceed, targeting our efforts to individual employee areas: faculty, administrators, and hourly staff.
 - Newsletter – Sherry Darrell and Sherrienne Standley will prepare a newsletter and have it ready by the August event. It will include news about the Emeriti organization, dues, committees, and coming events.

- Special Events
 - President's Reception for all Retirees, August 16, 2011, 4:00 p.m. at the University Home. An invitation will be mailed to all retirees and it will indicate a short program (Jim Sanders on the history of the University Home and Ed Jones on Emeriti organization) at 5:00 p.m. We can promote active membership and interest areas.
 - 200th Anniversary of Steamboats on the Ohio River, Tuesday, November 8, 2011. Dinner Cruise on the Belle of Cincinnati from the LST Dock. Bob Reid was unable to attend but sent a report that he has a meeting later in the month with the organizers of this event. The Emeriti will not sponsor this event, but will be one of several USI and community groups invited to participate in a dinner cruise at about \$38 per person; it is hoped that a short educational talk can be presented before boarding.

4. Old Business – There was no old business.
5. New Business – Secretary Sherrienne Standley offered to prepare a roster for the Coordinating Committee. She was asked to obtain a retiree database for the Coordinating Committee.
6. Next Meeting – The next meeting will be one hour prior to the August event at the University Home. Ed Jones will secure a meeting space, preferably at the University Home.

The meeting was adjourned.

Respectfully submitted,
Sherrienne Standley, secretary