

Minutes

USI Retirees' Coordinating Committee Meeting October 9, 2012

Attendance. Members present: Joyce Babillis, Mary Alice Bertram, Sherry Darrell, Ed Jones, Marlene Shaw, Sherrienne Standley.

Call to order. President Sherry B. Darrell called the meeting to order at 12:05 p.m.

Approval of minutes. On a motion by Joyce Babillis, seconded by Ed Jones, we approved minutes from the July 2012 Coordinating Committee meeting. (appended).

Treasurer's report. Treasurer Joyce Babillis distributed the Treasurer's report (appended) showing a balance of \$ 1,604.89, including \$420 in dues collected and \$431.75 in expenses for the newsletter. The Committee discussed the regularity of dues collection. Members can expect to pay dues before each Annual Meeting, the next being November 13. Notice of the meeting and dues payment will be sent before November 13.

Nominating Committee report. Coordinating Committee members whose terms expire at the end of 2012 are Sherry Darrell, Ed Jones, Helen Sands, and Sherrienne Standley.

Nominating Committee chair Sherrienne Standley reported that her committee (Bob Reid, Helen Sands) recommends the nomination of the following to the Coordinating Committee:

For a two-year term expiring at the end of 2014

John Deem

Chris Jines

Ed Jones

Helen Sands

For a one-year term expiring at the end of 2013 (replacing Marlene Shaw, who resigned):

Jeanne Barnett

Continuing members whose terms expire at the end of 2013 are Mary Alice Bertram, Joyce Babillis, and Bob Reid.

The Nominating Committee recommends this slate of officers for one-year terms expiring at the end of 2013:

President	Bob Reid
President-elect	John Deem
Secretary	Mary Alice Bertram
Treasurer	Joyce Babillis
University Liaison	Helen Sands

We also suggest that Sarah Harlan, or the designated USI Foundation staff member, be named our Assistant Secretary to create and maintain a central depository of information, financial transactions, and communications.

Sherry Darrell and Sherrienne Standley, who are leaving the Coordinating Committee, will continue as newsletter co-editors and gladly attend any meetings ex-officio.

Update on recent activities. Sherry Darrell reported that only one person is able to attend the opera trip; she will handle those details.

Mary Alice Bertram and her committee of Jan Coutts, Sharon Morrow, and Helen Sands suggest several activities that retirees might be interested in:

- In spring, a trip to the Azalea Path in Gibson/Pike counties. It was suggested that we notify retirees members and master gardeners Walter and Shirley Everett to see if they might lead this trip.
- Another spring trip might be to Shakertown in central Kentucky.
- On Monday, November 12, 2012, there is a Lifestyle Tours trip to Paducah to see *Away in the Basement* at Carson Center. The cost is \$89 for transportation, ticket, and meal. Mary Alice will send details to the secretary for distribution to all retirees.
- Another idea is a trip for the annual quilt show in Paducah; USI friend Judy Morton, a quilt expert, might be persuaded to lead the trip.

Coming events include

- Bob Reid's lecture on 1937 Flood, November 13, 2:00 p.m., preceding the Annual Meeting, Kleymeyer Hall, Liberal Arts Center
- Annual General meeting on November 13, 3:00 p.m. in Kleymeyer Hall, Liberal Arts Center. Parking in the UC upper and lower pay lots is reserved for USI Retirees.
- Annual luncheon at the Kennel Club, Saturday, February 9, 11 a.m. to 2 p.m., sponsored by the USI Foundation. The women's and men's basketball teams play Wisconsin-Parkside that afternoon so lunch times will allow fans to attend.

Report on membership study. Ed Jones reported that Bob Reid convened a meeting to discuss amending the bylaws to allow membership from those other

than benefits-eligible retirees. The committee decided that because the USI Retirees' bylaws do not define retirees as benefits-eligible, and because the bylaws allow for conferral of honorary membership, there is no need to amend the bylaws. If someone wishes to join, and that person has an abiding interest in the University, we shall welcome them. If such policy creates a problem in the future, we can address it then.

Report on spring program about health-care planning. Ed Jones reported that he has spoken with Ann White, dean of Nursing and Health Professions, who will work with us to create a panel of faculty who can discuss topics such as preventive health, generic medications, impact of a national health-care program, and other topics of interest to retirees. We think Spring Break week might be a good time for University facilities to be available for this program.

Call for newsletter items. Sherry Darrell and Sherrienne Standley will prepare the next newsletter before the February 9, 2013, luncheon at the Kennel Club. Please send all items to them two weeks prior.

Annual Meeting of USI Retirees. The Annual Meeting will occur on Tuesday, November 13, at 3:00 p.m. in Kleymeyer Hall. A meeting notice will be sent next week, and the agenda will be sent a week prior to the meeting.

Old business. Sherrienne Standley mentioned that a directory of retirees is needed; she will work with Penny White to obtain a download, and she and Sherry Darrell will prepare the directory.

The newsletter will recognize all who join USI Retirees by the time of the November 13 Annual Meeting; they will be designated *Charter Members* of the organization.

New business. We will work with Sarah Harlan to ensure the USI Retirees' newsletter is available online.

Next meeting. We agreed to meet again on Thursday, January 16, at noon at the Foundation Office.

Adjournment. We adjourned at 1:20 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,
Sherrienne Standley, secretary