

Minutes, USI Retirees Coordinating Committee

September 30, 2014

2:00 p.m., Old National Bank Conference Room

Attendance: Michael Whipple, John Deem, Jeanne Barnett, Helen Sands, Ed Jones, Yvonne Floyd, Sherrienne Standley, and Caylin Blockley

Call to Order: The meeting was called to order by President John Deem at 2:00 p.m.

Minutes: The minutes of the July 12, 2014, meeting were read and approved with corrections.

Treasurer's Report: Treasurer Michael Whipple reported a balance of \$2084.35 as of August 31, 2014. There were 17 membership fees collected this fiscal year. The treasurer's report was approved.

Unfinished Business:

Michael Whipple reported that the 50th Anniversary Celebration planning committee has been active. There has been an effort to collect photos and items from the history of USI. A coffee table book is in the works that includes photos and narrative.

John Deem reported that there is planning for a retiree/alumni event for next year. The hope is to have the event during the September celebration for the 50th anniversary.

The day trip to Huber Farms and Winery on Oct. 14 has at least 5 reservations. Michael Whipple has spoken with the staff of the Evansville African-American Museum. A visit will be arranged over the winter, probably in February. A \$200 stipend will be provided to the Museum. Information will be solidified at the October board meeting of the Museum.

Sherrienne Standley discussed the phone committee. Mary Alice Bertram and Jan Coutts contacted members without e-mail for the fall pizza party. The effort worked well and will continue.

Ed Jones is working on the spring medical issues workshop. No details are yet available. It will take place on Tues. or Wed. of spring break and involve a full morning session. Two topics will be presented. Light breakfast and snacks will be provided to attendees. Ed will meet with Nursing & Health Professions and Katie Valadares.

No one attended the Aging with Dignity Seminar, so no information was available about the success of the seminar.

Sherrienne Standley reported that the fall pizza party at Roca Bar North appeared to be successful. Although the service was a bit sluggish, all seemed to enjoy the outing and the attendance was good. A discussion was held on the location of the spring pizza outing. It was decided to try Tin Man for the outing on January 12 at 11:30 a.m.

John Deem reported that the Alumni Day at Ellis Park was rained out. The races were cancelled after lunch and attendees were either refunded their fees or allowed to donate them.

Helen Sands reported that the reception at the University was well attended and enjoyed by all. It was suggested that we check to see if we could get a tour of the new teaching theater in November before the annual meeting since the tour in July was not possible. Michael Whipple will check with Mark Rozewski about the possibility.

Ed Jones presented the report from the nominating committee. The following are the nominees for 2014-2015:

Coordinating Committee – Continuing members

John Deem (2015-17)

Chris Jines (second year of current term)

Yvonne Floyd (second year of current term)

Mike Whipple (second year of current term)

Jeanne Barnett (second year of current term)

Coordinating Committee – New members

Ginger Ramsden (to replace Janet Greer for second year)

Jim Bandoli

Nancy Johnson

Officers for 2014-15

President: John Deem

President-elect: Mike Whipple

Secretary: Jeanne Barnett

Treasurer: Nancy Johnson

University Liaison: Yvonne Floyd

The proposed slate was approved.

Sherrienne Standley suggested amending the by-laws to change the name of the Coordinating Committee to the Coordinating Council. A proposal will be presented at the annual meeting for approval by the members.

Michael Whipple reported that Lennie Dowhie will give a presentation of his travels in China for the annual meeting on Nov. 6. The presentation is to be 30 minutes with 15 minutes for questions and will be followed by the business meeting.

New Business:

A discussion was held on the use of funds from our account for scholarships. Mike Whipple will present information on the procedure to provide scholarships.

Mike Whipple suggested that Human Resources look at the possibility of adding a buy-in program for hearing aids and long-term care similar to the eye care insurance provided by USI. The discussion also included the need to have a retiree representative on the University's Annual Insurance renewal committee. This possibility will be addressed with Mark Rozewski.

Future events and dates:

USI Retirees Annual Meeting – Nov. 6, 2014, at 3:00 p.m. in Kleymeyer Hall. If possible, a tour of the teaching theater will precede the meeting. An informal dinner will be at O'Charley's after the meeting.

USI Retiree Coordinating Committee meeting – Jan. 6, 2015 at 1:00 p.m. in the Foundation Office.

USI Retirees Spring "Pizza" party – Jan. 2, 2015 at 11:30 a.m. at Tin Man

USI Foundation Kennel Club Luncheon for Retirees – Sat., Feb. 7, 2015

USI Foundation Board's Retirees as Honored Guest Luncheon – Nov. 12, 2015

USI Fall Employee Retirement Reception – Nov. 13, 2015

The meeting was adjourned at 3:10 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted,

Jeanne K. Barnett, Secretary

Minutes approved