

Minutes, USI Retirees Coordinating Council

January 6, 2015

1:15 p.m., Foundation Office Conference Room

**Attendance:** Michael Whipple, John Deem, Jeanne Barnett, Yvonne Floyd, Christina Jines, Nancy Johnson, Ginger Ramsden, Jim Bandoli, and Caylin Blockley

**Call to Order:** The meeting was called to order by President John Deem at 1:15 p.m.

**Minutes:** The minutes of the September 30, 2014, meeting were read and approved with corrections.

**Treasurer's Report:** Treasurer Michael Whipple reported a balance of \$2524.35 as of December 31, 2014. The treasurer's report was approved.

**Reports:**

John Deem and Nancy Johnson reported on the progress of the 50<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Celebration planning committee. A coffee table book is in the works that includes photos and narrative. A timeline of USI history will be revealed on Jan. 9, 2015, at 9:30 a.m. Nancy will work with Caylin to place some of the events of the year on the retirees website.

John Deem reported that there is planning for a retiree/alumni event for next year. No definite activity has been set. It is hoped to have an event with retired faculty/staff and alumni.

Michael Whipple has spoken with the staff of the Evansville African-American Museum. A visit has been arranged for the week of February 16. Members and spouses/significant others will have free admission to the Museum Tuesday through Saturday. A \$200 stipend will be provided to the Museum. A notice will be sent via e-mail to retirees.

Ed Jones is not able to continue to work on the spring medical issues workshop. Ginger Ramsden agreed to pursue the topic and will contact Ed and Nursing & Health Professions personnel.

Christina Jines reported that the spring pizza party at Roca Bar North will be January 12 at 11:30 a.m. She has received reservations for approximately 20 people.

It was requested that members send updated information to Caylin Blockley for the directory. The directory will be distributed at the luncheon in February. The invitations to the luncheon were mailed on Monday, January 5. The luncheon will again be a buffet.

**Old Business**

A discussion was held on the use of funds from our account for scholarships. A committee of Yvonne Floyd, Michael Whipple, Ginger Ramsden, and Jim Bandoli will address criteria and selection for the scholarship.

Mike Whipple will work with Human Resources to 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. He will also discuss the possibility of having a retiree representative on the University's Annual Insurance renewal committee.

**New Business:**

A discussion was held on alternating the location for the pizza gatherings. This will be discussed at the next meeting.

The next coordinating council meeting will be March 10, 2015, at 1:15 p.m. in the Foundation Office conference room.

A discussion of possible day trips for 2015 was held. Suggestions included a combined trip to the LST325 and the Evansville Museum, Toyota, New Harmony play, and multiple 50<sup>th</sup> anniversary events.

It was decided for the Coordinating Council to send condolence cards to retirees or their spouses in the event of a death in the family.

A discussion of a digital retiree directory raised concerns about confidentiality. It was decided to continue the directory as a hard copy.

**Future events and dates:**

USI Retirees Spring "Pizza" party – Jan. 12, 2015 at 11:30 a.m. at Roca Bar North

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

USI Retiree Coordinating Council meeting – Tues., Mar. 10, 2015 at 1:15 p.m. in the Foundation Office conference room

Annual Retirees reception at the University Home – July 30, 2015

USI Retirees Annual Meeting – Nov. 5, 2015 – Kleymeyer Hall

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

The meeting was adjourned at 2:20 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted,

Jeanne K. Barnett, Secretary

Minutes approved March 10, 2015