

Minutes, USI Retirees Coordinating Council

July 30, 2015

2:00 p.m., Foundation Office

**Attendance:** John Deem, Jeanne Barnett, Ginger Ramsden, Christina Jines, Michael Whipple, Caylin Blockley, and Sherrienne Standley

**Call to Order:** The meeting was called to order by President John Deem at 2:05 p.m.

**Minutes:** The minutes of the May 12, 2015, meeting were read and approved.

**Treasurer's Report:** Nancy Johnson reported \$1280 paid memberships for 2015 and expenses of \$200. The balance as of May 31, 2015, is \$2824.35.

**Reports:**

John Deem reported on the 50<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Celebration activities. The Alumni Association party on the quad did not have a good attendance. Causes and proposed changes were discussed. An attempt will be made to obtain photos of retirees with alumni at various events.

Ginger Ramsden reported on progress for a Medical Issues Workshop. Linda Cleek will be working with Ginger. The date is March 8, 2016, with a morning meeting similar to the previous event. Topics that are being considered include financial planning for retirement including insurance and TIAA-CREF, "wellness", possible hearing screening, heart health, benefits and medicare, St. Mary's senior care, and massage therapy. These topics will be considered as the workshop planning progresses.

The report on the African-American Museum trip was poor attendance.

Sherrienne reported on the play and reception on July 12. The attendance was good and all seemed to enjoy the time together.

Jeanne Barnett and Chris Jines reported on the canoe trip to Hovey Lake. The date was July 14 with 15 participants. We saw eagles and other birds. All participants returned safely. It was an enjoyable activity.

Possible day trips for the coming year were discussed. Another play with a reception was discussed. Also, a visit to a local winery, a paint and conversation night or a trivia night were discussed. Jeanne Barnett is to contact Alena Kiefer, a past Presidential Scholar, about a paint and conversation night. Chris Jines will pursue other possibilities.

The Newsletter is ready to be mailed.

The annual meeting plans were discussed. It was decided that Susan Fetscher will be contacted to have a USI trivia contest. Submission of questions will be sought from retirees and faculty, administration, and staff.

**Old Business:**

Access to the databases by retirees in the Rice Library has not been resolved. Steve Bridges was not able to attend this meeting. Another date for meeting with Steve will be set with several items to discuss with him.

The next meeting of the USI Retirees Coordinating Council is September 22, 2015, at 1:15 p.m. in the Foundation Office.

**Other dates**

Fall Pizza party – Turoni's on Main Street, August 24, 2015 at 11:30 a.m.

USI Retirees Annual Meeting - November 5, 2015, at 3:00 p.m. in Kleymeyer Hall.

USI Foundation Board's Retirees as Honored Guest Luncheon - November 19, 2015

The meeting was adjourned at 3:25 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Jeanne K. Barnett, Secretary

Approved, September 22, 2015