

Minutes, USI Retirees Coordinating Council

September 22, 2015

1:15 p.m., Foundation Office

**Attendance:** John Deem, Jeanne Barnett, Ginger Ramsden, Michael Whipple, Yvonne Floyd, and Caylin Blockley

**Call to Order:** The meeting was called to order by President John Deem at 1:25 p.m.

**Minutes:** The minutes of the July 30, 2015, meeting were read and approved.

**Treasurer's Report:** The treasurer's report was \$410 in membership payments. The balance as of August 31, 2015, is \$3234.35.

**Reports:**

John Deem reported on the 50<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Celebration activities. The USI Gala held in the Pac had approximately 500 attendees. The event was very nice. The Varsity Club Steak Fry was a sell-out with approximately 500 attendees. Several reunions were held during the anniversary week and many were well attended. The Alumni Association Golf outing was also held with good participation. Founder's Day was well attended with approximately 200 participants. A pin was presented to Dr. Bennett. It was from Dr. Stephen Bennett and was designed by Tracy Zeller.

Possible day trips for the coming year were discussed. USI Day with the Colts is November 29. Another play with a reception was discussed for spring semester. A visit to a local winery was discussed. Jeanne Barnett reported the costs for a paint and conversation night. We will present possibilities to the membership at the annual meeting and revisit the discussion in January.

The annual reception at the University home was well attended and enjoyed by all. Next year, there will be golf carts available to transport individuals from parked cars to the home.

Ginger Ramsden reported on progress for a Medical Issues Workshop. Linda Cleek is 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. A preliminary outline will be available by January.

The annual meeting plans were discussed. The location is yet to be determined since Kley Meyer Hall is unavailable. The Evansville Museum is being considered as the preferred location. The USI exhibit will provide the program. A quiz involving the USI exhibit was discussed. Wine and cheese are being proposed as refreshments for the event.

**Old Business:**

A meeting with Steve Bridges was on August 30, 2015. Our concerns were discussed with Steve. He was receptive to our ideas and he wants retirees to be more involved with the University. Retirees will act as advisors in the hiring of the new director of Human Resources,

but will not be a member of the hiring committee. The Council expressed the opinion that if an outside individual was on a hiring committee, then a retiree should also be included on the committee. Mr. Bridges will look into the library accessibility issue.

A discussion of the proposed scholarship provided by retirees was held. This has been an ongoing discussion and it was proposed to present something concrete to the membership at the annual meeting. It was proposed to provide \$500 for 10 \$50 scholarships for employees enrolled in for credit courses during spring semester. Michael Whipple will put together a proposal for review by the Council before presentation to the membership. The motion was made by Ginger Ramsden and seconded by Michael Whipple to proceed with this process. The motion carried unanimously.

A nominating committee will be made of John Deem, Sherrienne Standley and Jeanne Barnett.

Nancy Johnson and Michael Whipple will work on a budget to present to the membership at the Annual Meeting.

The next meeting of the USI Retirees Coordinating Council is January 5, 2016, at 1:30 p.m. in the Foundation Office.

#### **Other dates**

USI Retirees Annual Meeting - November 5, 2015, at 3:00 p.m. location TBD (possibly the Evansville Museum).

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

Spring Pizza party – Turoni's on Main Street, January 11, 2016 at 11:30 a.m.

The meeting was adjourned at 2:45 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Jeanne K. Barnett, Secretary

Not Approved