

USI Retirees Coordinating Council Agenda
Thursday, July 28, 2016
Griffin Center, 1:30 p.m.

Present: Yvonne Floyd, Nancy Johnson, Phil Fisher, Ginger Ramsden, Chris Jines, Jim Bandoli, Michael Whipple, Sara Rhoades, Foundation liaison

Absent: John Deem, Sherrienne Standley, ex officio

Call to Order: The meeting was called to order by President Michael Whipple at 1:30 p.m.

Approval of Minutes: Jim moved the minutes of the March 15, 2016 meeting be approved as read and amended, Yvonne seconded; the minutes were approved as amended.

REPORTS

Treasurer's Report: Nancy Johnson, treasurer, reported the current balance is \$3630.75, with expenses of \$508.60 since June 1. Expenses included supplies and hospitality costs incurred at the Retirees Wellness fair (\$108.60) and \$400 for four scholarship grants (\$100 each) awarded to employees enrolled in USI credit-bearing classes in the spring semester. Phil moved we accept the report, Jim seconded; the treasurer's report was approved as presented.

OLD BUSINESS

Grant Program: Phil will work with Michael to disperse this fall's five \$100 scholarships to USI employees who are enrolled in credit-bearing courses this fall at USI.

MAIA Conference: Ginger reported on the upcoming August Mid-America Institute on Aging conference to be held at USI. The conference will now include wellness programs, as well as topics dealing with the aging population. At least five USI retirees are currently registered. Since this two-day conference, which includes meals and snacks, is now free-of-charge to all USI retirees, we discussed ways to encourage more attendance at next August's event. Sara stated the email address list needs to be updated, and since not all USI retirees use email, it was suggested we may want contact (via email and phone) all retirees to determine correct email addresses and preferred method of contact for retiree events.

NEW BUSINESS

Scheduled Events

President's Reception: Dr. Bennett's reception for retired employees will immediately follow today's meeting in the Griffin Center.

Fall Pizza Gathering: The annual fall retirees' pizza party will be held at Turoni's on Main St. on August 22, the first day of classes, at 11 a.m. Yvonne and Sherrienne will coordinate this event and Dr. Bennet and David Bower will be invited to attend. Sara will send an email invitation to all retirees.

Coordinating Council Meeting: The next meeting of the Coordinating Council will be changed from September 20 to September 22, 2016, at 1:30 p.m. at the Foundation office. Sara will check to be certain the conference room is available.

Retirees' Annual Meeting: The group discussed a program for the Retirees Annual Meeting, scheduled on Thursday, November 10 at 3 p.m. Michael will check with Dan Craig, USI professor, to see if Dan will provide entertainment and/or a presentation on his summer trip to Ireland with USI students. We proposed meeting in Kleymeyer Hall; Michael will determine the appropriate meeting place, based on Dan's decision to present.

Medical Premiums: Michael presented a draft of the memo to send to Dr. Bennett requesting that all employees earning less than \$41,000 per year when they retire, continue to qualify for a lower-payment medical plan after retirement. The group suggested a few changes to the document and Michael will send the document when completed.

In view of our aging employee base and in consideration of retiree needs, our organization would like the Human Resources office to look at the cost of adding medical benefits for retired USI employees, including a group plan for long-term care and hearing aid coverage. We will continue to discuss options with USI administrators.

Jim reported on the June canoe trip to an old stripper pit in Lynnville park, which was attended by 13 people. The weather was spectacular and everyone enjoyed the outing.

The meeting adjourned at 1:51 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Ginger Ramsden, Secretary