

USI Retirees Coordinating Council Agenda
Thursday, January 19, 2017
Foundation Office, 1:30 p.m.

Present: Jim Bandoli, Yvonne Floyd, Ginger Ramsden, Nancy Johnson, Phil Fisher, Sherrienne Standley, ex officio; new members, Linda Cleek and Nils Johansen

Absent: Michael Whipple, Sara Rhoades, Foundation liaison (recovering from illness)

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

Approval of Minutes: Nancy moved the minutes of the September 20, 2016 meeting be approved as read, Phil seconded. The minutes were approved.

REPORTS

Treasurer's Report: Nancy reported the last formal financial statement she received reflects the September 30, 2016 balance, \$3585.25. She has since accepted over \$100 in membership fees and paid \$145.50 in expenses; therefore, the current balance should be about the same as the September balance.

Phonathon: Jim thanked those council members who helped him call the 250 USI retirees during the winter break. The volunteers reached about 2/3 of the people, verifying and updating their contact information. Jim has given the changes to Sara, but since she has been on leave for a couple of months due to illness, Jim isn't certain of the status of the updated retiree master list. He will check with the Foundation Office staff to determine if someone is working on updating the list.

NEW BUSINESS

Dates of scheduled events:

Dates for events for all USI retirees include:

- February 4- President's luncheon at the Griffin Center, invitations have been sent to all retirees
- July 27- President's reception, time and location to be announced
- Thursday & Friday, August 11 & 12- MAIA Conference, featuring sessions on wellness and concerns of aging; all USI retirees may attend free-of-charge, if registered
- Tuesday, August 15- Pizza party at Turoni's, coinciding with the fall faculty meeting date
- Monday, January 8, 2018- Pizza party at Turoni's, coinciding with the first day of spring classes (Sherrienne will coordinate with Turoni's and accept retiree reservations for the pizza events.)

The tentative dates for the coordinating council meetings are:

- Thursday, March 16
- Thursday, May 11
- Thursday, July 27
- Thursday, September 21
- Annual meeting, Tuesday, November 14

The council meetings will be held at 1:30 p.m. at the Foundation Office; the location and time of the annual meeting will be announced later. Sherrienne reminded the council that this year marks the 50th anniversary of President Rice assuming his role at USI, and perhaps the annual meeting could honor his committed leadership. Yvonne, Nancy and Sherrienne will generate ideas for the annual event to discuss at our next council meeting.

The group discussed entertainment events the council might sponsor for retirees. Suggestions included a trip to the Red Skelton museum in Vincennes; a trip to the Falls of the Ohio State Park in Clarksville; and an event at the Little Creek Winery, near USI, after one of the theater productions. Phil offered to research the Red Skelton trip; Linda will investigate logistics for the Falls of the Ohio trip, and the committee will discuss the theater event at the next meeting, when the schedule of productions should be available.

OLD BUSINESS

Grant program: We will again award five \$100 grants to USI employees who are enrolled in credit-bearing classes at USI in the spring semester. Jim will obtain a list of all eligible employees from the Bursar's Office, and will coordinate a plan with at least one other council member to select five grant recipients, as outlined in previous meeting minutes.

Funding books at the USI library: Michael sent a message to Jim asking that the council consider providing funds to augment the USI library's ability to purchase books authored by staff. Several council members had questions regarding the request. Since Michael could not attend the meeting, Jim tabled the item for further discussion at the next meeting, and will send our questions to Michael.

Vision insurance: In a previous meeting, John Deem volunteered to contact Steve Bridges to determine the status of retirees being eligible for vision insurance. Steve's reply follows:

The vision insurance is not part of the package for retirees. Current employees pay the full cost of the program so it is not part of the medical and dental package. We could ask for a quote for retirees in our next renewal to see what the cost to retirees would be if there is interest. We have actually had vision insurance for many years but switched our provided at the start of this calendar year.

Sherrienne reinforced that in the USI Employee Handbook, it states retirees are eligible for ALL benefits provided current employees. Jim will ask Steve to obtain a quote for retirees' vision insurance, so that any who choose to pay for coverage may do so.

The meeting adjourned at 2:34 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Ginger Ramsden, Secretary