

Minutes Retirees' Coordinating Council Zoom Meeting - APPROVED

Thursday May 20, 2021 3:00 p.m.

Council Members Present: Nancy Bizal, Tim Mahoney, Joanne Artz, Marlene Shaw, Cindy Brinker, Phyllis Oeth, Donna Koewler (Special Events). John Deem and Craig Ehlen unable to attend.

Call to Order: President Marlene Shaw called the meeting to order at 3:10 p.m.

Secretary's Report / Approval of Minutes: The minutes of the March 18, 2021, meeting were accepted, with corrections.

Treasurer's Report: John Deem reported that as of this date, there are 75 paid members, with member fees totaling \$1,500. Two additional Spring Scholarship checks were picked up by recipients, bringing the spring expenditure to \$500. Total fund balance as of March 31, 2021, is \$4,580.65. The report was approved as given.

President's Report: Marlene Shaw read a note from Susan Fetscher, thanking the council for the \$100 scholarship which she used for textbooks. The Igleheart Gardens tour on April 26 was a success, with only three no-shows out of 31 reservations. Marlene thanked Cindy Brinker, Joanne Artz, and anyone else involved in the update of the USI Retirees' web site.

Old Business: The next meeting will be Thursday, July 29, at 4 p.m., tentatively in person at the Griffin Center, based on consideration of crowd capacity. The 2021 *Retirees' Directory* is expected in print form for the July 29 meeting, and will also be distributed by email. A discussion of the UHC/AmWins insurance revealed that some are paying more for physical therapy and prescriptions. Cindy will write something about UHC for the next *Vintage Times*. There was discussion of the Anthem lawsuit, and a question about the receipt of two checks from Anthem, which constituted refunds of co-pays.

New Business

- Nancy Bizal was contacted by a Founding Member who is listed as such in the print directory, but not on the web site. Joanne Artz will ask Taylor G. to make the change online.
- *Vintage Times* Summer/Fall 2021: The Igleheart Gardens tour photos were taken by Lucy Himstedt, and Marlene will choose the ones to print. Cindy asked about possibly featuring non-local retirees. Tim Mahoney suggested that the next *VT* issue's President's Message encourage retirees living out of town or those who have come back to visit, to send in a note with photos. Phyllis Oeth will reach out to Jerry Bulger to do an informal

interview with him, covering his involvement with the 9/11 parkway overpass presence with the flag. Mike Fetscher has taken a drone photo of the flag and would likely let us use it in the story. Marlene mentioned that the issue could cover new skills and interests of some retirees. Mary Branson has developed an interest in painting, and Carolyn Roth learned code in order to build a web site for her art. The President's Message will spotlight recent updates to the retirees' web site and note the distributed 2021 *Retirees' Directory*. The article on Willie Dortch remains on hold for a future issue. Nancy suggested that a notice about Wanda Hibbetts (Accounting) recently turning 100 could be published. Deadline for sending Maggie Carnahan the articles is June 20, for a June 30 full editorial deadline.

Other Business

- The lunch event at Turoni's in August could be in person if the July meeting is held in person.
- Our retiree membership needs more diversity; what kinds of events could foster this? Brainstorming resulted in suggestions of a cooking class (possibly through Thyme in the Kitchen), visits to the Evansville Museum/Planetarium and the African-American Museum, the World War II Museum, the zoo, or the opening of the USI Aquatic Center or student art show. Retirees could go as a group to a campus event and hold a small reception.
- Cindy suggested that the council begin recognizing retiree milestone birthdays (such as Wanda Hibbetts) with a card, and small floral arrangement. There was a unanimous vote to spend up to \$75 for FTD arrangements.

Adjournment: There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 4:01 p.m. The next meeting will be July 29, 2021.

Respectfully submitted,

Joanne R. Artz, Secretary