

Minutes of Retirees' Coordinating Council Zoom Meeting - APPROVED

Thursday September 17, 2020 3:00pm

Council Members Present:

Nancy Bizal, Nils Johansen, John Deem, Craig Ehlen, Joanne Artz, Phyllis Oeth, Marlene Shaw, Sharon Burks-Maier, Foundation Liaison

Call to Order: President Nancy Bizal called the meeting to order at 3:00pm.

Approval of Minutes: The minutes of January 16, 2020 meeting (Nils Johansen secy pro tem) were approved.

Treasurer's Report: John Deem. 42 paid members. Nancy Bizal will email retirees to send a \$20 check for the membership fee to Sharon Burks-Maier at the Foundation. Membership fees must be paid to vote at the November Annual General Meeting.

Secretary's Report: Linda Cleek absent. MShaw volunteered to be pro tem secretary.

President's Report: Nancy Bizal gave special thanks to the Foundation and Rustin Howard for assistance with the Zoom meeting. She thanked Maggie Carnahan for assistance with the *Vintage Times* newsletter and thanked Sharon Burks-Maier for administrative assistance for emailing the *USI July 2020 Retirees' Directory* to retirees. Bizal suggested that the web address for the USI retirees (usi.edu/retirees) be added to the *Vintage Times*.

New Business: A tour is planned of Evansville's Igleheart Gardens at 1:00pm Monday April 26, 2021. Before a garden walk, a brief family and garden history will be given by Rick Tremont and Dr. Mark Browning. Reservations are limited to 35.

President Rochon will be invited to speak at the November 19, 2020 Annual Meeting. A slate of new Council members and officers was prepared for the annual meeting with additional nominations to be invited from the floor. New member nominations were Tim Mahoney and Cindy Brinker. Officer nominations were President-Elect Cindy Brinker, Secretary Joanne Artz, and Treasurer John Deem. Shaw will move to President.

Nancy Bizal received a list from John Baburnich of 99 USI employees eligible for the Fall 2020 retirees' grants. Five \$100 grants are funded each semester from the USI Retirees' membership dues. Recipients were randomly chosen by the Council.

Old Business: The Council favored a *Vintage Times* article about Jerry Bulger and the Perry Township Volunteer Fire Department which flies flags over the highway each September in honor of the 9/11 responders and victims.

Adjournment: The meeting adjourned at 3:52pm.

Respectfully submitted,
Marlene Shaw, pro tem secretary