

## USI Retirees General Meeting

Thursday, November 21, 2019

USI Griffin Center, 3 p.m.

**Council Members Present:** Nancy Bizal, Linda Cleek, John Deem, Craig Ehlen, Phil Fisher, Nils Johansen, Marlene Shaw and Sharon Burks-Maier, Foundation Liaison

**Retiree Members Present:** Joanne Artz, Jane Johansen, Debbie Laster, Roberta Schweizer, Jim Werner

**Call to Order:** The meeting was called to order by President Nils Johansen at 3 p.m.

**Approval of Minutes:** Minutes of the 2018 general meeting were approved.

### REPORTS

**Treasurer's Report:** John Deem reported the FY 2018 year-end balance was \$3,595.65. The balance at the end of June 2019 was \$4,155.65.

### OLD BUSINESS:

**Activities:** Nils reported activities in 2019 included semester-beginning lunches at Turoni's, New Harmony Theatre performance with socializing at Sara's Harmony Way afterward, and a visit to WNIN's Public Media Center for a tour and screening of *Two Elephants*, a documentary produced by USI faculty member Erin Gibson. Ms. Gibson joined us to introduce and take questions about the program and for lunch.

Nils urged those in attendance to encourage other retirees, classified, administrative and faculty to attend Retirees events.

Insurance issues are frequently reported to Council members. Linda Cleek stated that several retirees are working with HR to plan an information session in the spring.

The spring semester luncheon at Turoni's will be Monday, January 13, at Turoni's on North Main Street.

**Election of Council Members and Officers:** The slate proposed by 2019 President-Elect Nancy Bizal was elected without opposition.

New Council members are Joanne Artz and Phyllis Oeth. Officers elected are:

President – Nancy Bizal

President-Elect – Marlene Shaw

Secretary – Linda Cleek

Treasurer – John Deem

Thanks to Shirley Bryan and Phil Fisher for their service to the organization as they "retire" from the Coordinating Council.

**Entertainment:**

The USI Jazz Ensemble, under the direction of Tom Drury, performed several numbers. This talented group is composed of two percussionists, a guitarist, four trumpet players, one trombone player, and five assorted saxophone players, while the director adds keyboard. They members range from freshmen through a recent graduate.

The Jazz Ensemble will give a free performance on Sunday, November 24 at 7 p.m. in the Performing Arts Center.

The meeting adjourned at 4 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Linda Cleek, Secretary

UNAPPROVED