

USI Retirees Coordinating Council

Thursday, May 9, 2019
USI Foundation Office, 3 p.m.

Present: Nancy Bizal, Linda Cleek, John Deem, Phil Fisher, Nils Johansen, and Sharon Burks-Maier, Foundation Liaison

Absent: Shirley Bryan, Craig Ehlen, Marlene Shaw

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

Approval of Minutes: Minutes of the March meeting were unanimously approved.

Treasurer's Report: John Deem reported our fund balance was \$4,015.65 as of January 31, 2019 and that there are 45 paid members.

President's Report:

- Nils reported he has spoken with Connie Schnarre in Human Resources and she identified herself as the main contact for retirees with health insurance questions. Several members remarked on having worked with Connie in the past and being pleased with the experience. There have been some snafus resulting from the administrative changes to the USI-Anthem relationship on January 1, but they are being solved on an as-needed basis.
- Nils has been traveling around the country sponsoring Norwegian Foot March events. (See <https://www.usi.edu/outreach/rotc/norwegian-foot-march/> for information.) He will write an article for the next newsletter. The deadline for newsletter copy is July 12.

OLD BUSINESS:

- **Retiree Events:**
 - Linda reported there has been a good response to the New Harmony Theatre performance of *Always, Patsy Cline* on Sunday, July 21 with about 30 scheduled to attend. The reception will follow at Sara's Harmony Way.
 - Erin Gibson has agreed to attend a showing of *Two Elephants* at WNIN Public Media Center on a Tuesday or Thursday morning in September. Linda is working with WNIN to schedule the event.
 - The fall pizza party at Turoni's will be on Tuesday, August 13. Linda will make the reservation at Turoni's.

NEW BUSINESS: Linda reported that Ginger Ramsden has asked to be replaced as the Retiree's representative to the MidAmerica Institute on Aging (MAIA). Nils will contact Peggy Graul, a retiree from the College of Nursing and Health Professions who is one of the founders of MAIA, to see if she is willing to fill this role.

The meeting adjourned at 3:35 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Linda Cleek, Secretary

Next meeting: Thursday, July 25, 3 p.m., Griffin Center (preceding President's Reception)