

USI Retirees Coordinating Council

Thursday, March 16, 2017

Foundation Office, 1:30 p.m.

Present: Jim Bandoli, Yvonne Floyd, Linda Cleek, Nils Johansen, Sherrienne Standley, Michael Whipple, Sara Rhoades, Foundation Liaison

Absent: Phil Fisher, Nancy Johnson, Ginger Ramsden

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

Approval of Minutes: Yvonne moved the minutes of the January 19, 2017 meeting be approved as read, Nils seconded. The minutes were approved.

REPORTS

Treasurer's Report: In Nancy's absence, Jim reported the financial statement reflects a balance of \$3,630.75. Further information not being at hand, Michael offered to request a statement and distribute it.

Scholarships: Jim reported that 106 USI employees were enrolled in at least one class this spring. Those who won scholarships in Fall 2016 were excluded. The rest of the names were suitably shaken and stirred, and a committee comprised of Jim, Ginger and Linda drew names of five winners and two alternates, in case any winner becomes ineligible. The winners are:

Travis A. Dickison, AA, Registrar
Samuel J. Fleming, Lead Grounds Maintenance
Nicholas A. Heinz, Grounds Maintenance
Tyler D. Rapp, IT Help Desk Associate
Garry L. Schulze, AA, Teacher Education

NEW BUSINESS:

Newsletter: There will be two issues in 2017, with the next one coming out around the beginning of July and featuring the President's reception, to be held July 27. Sherrienne and Sara will coordinate production; the deadline for copy is the end of June.

MAIA: Ginger sent Jim and Linda a message suggesting the Retiree's group make a donation to MAIA in appreciation for retirees being able to attend at no cost. After some discussion, Michael moved and Nils seconded that we contribute no more than \$300, provided we receive some recognition as a result, and further, that Jim and Linda be authorized to make a decision. Linda was charged with investigating the possibilities.

Pre-Retirement Workshops for USI Employees: There was general agreement that having a Retirees' Council representative present and some pre-retirement workshops was a good idea. Since the workshops take place on March 20, Jim will expeditiously check into securing a few minutes on the agenda of a workshop on work to retirement transition.

OLD BUSINESS:

President's Response to Inquiries on Retiree Insurance: Two of three items, those concerning hearing coverage and long-term care coverage, will be investigated as part of the renegotiation process this fall. If either new coverage is offered to employees, retirees will be eligible for the same programs. Our understanding of the response to the third requested item was a bit disappointing so further inquiries will be made.

Support for Rice Library Purchase of Books by Faculty and Staff: Michael suggested we look into providing funds to Rice Library for circulating copies of books by USI faculty and staff. He consulted with Martha Neimeier, Associate Librarian, and learned the Library purchases one copy of all such books and they are kept in the archives, thus do not circulate. Discussion of ways to get these books into circulation followed, including suggestions that individuals donate books, that a small circulating section be developed for new works, etc. Michael will conduct further discussions with Martha.

Sponsored Activities: No report was made on a potential trip to Vincennes to visit the Red Skelton Museum. Phil will report at a future meeting. Linda reported that a trip to Falls of the Ohio State Park in Jeffersonville can be arranged for early October. She will do further research into cost, lunch venue, etc. Sherrienne will investigate possibilities for a New Harmony Theatre matinee and Little Creek Winery visit this summer.

The meeting adjourned at 2:45 p.m. The next meeting will be held on May 11 at 1:30 p.m. in Foundation office.

Respectfully submitted,

Linda Cleek, Substitute Secretary