

Minutes, USI Retirees Coordinating Committee

July 31, 2014

1:30 p.m., Foundation Office

Attendance: Michael Whipple, John Deem, Jeanne Barnett, Helen Sands, Christine Jines, Ed Jones, Yvonne Floyd, Sherrienne Standley, and Caylin Blockley

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

Minutes: The minutes of the June 5, 2014, meeting were read and approved.

Treasurer's Report: Treasurer Michael Whipple reported a balance of \$1744.35 as of the end of June. As of the end of July, the balance is \$1784.35. The treasurer's report was approved.

Unfinished Business:

John Deem reported that the 50th Anniversary Celebration planning is moving along. The major emphasis will be the week of September 14 – 20, 2015. There will be an anniversary gala. Yvonne Floyd requested retirees send recipes for the Varsity Club cookbook to Mandy Fulton. The cookbook will be published for the anniversary. The kick-off for the Anniversary is scheduled for Sept. 15, 2015.

Michael Whipple reported that Lennie Dowhie will give a presentation of his travels in China for the annual meeting on Nov. 6.

Yvonne Floyd reported that the azalea trails did not take place. It is hoped that it will be possible next year. Chris Jines is planning the day trip to Huber Farms and Winery. The date will be Oct. 14. Transportation will be determined when we have a head count of those attending. Suggestions for other day trips were presented by Michael Whipple. He suggested the Evansville African-American Museum and the Evansville Museum of Arts and Science. Michael will speak with the staff at the African-American Museum to arrange a visit. It was also suggested we consider a group outing to the New Harmony Theater next summer.

John Deem discussed the phone committee. The job of the committee is to contact those retirees who do not have e-mail contact. Janet Greer had begun the process. It was agreed to contact Mary Alice Bertram to see if she would be willing to take on the responsibility with the help of Helen Sands.

The fall senior workshop was discussed. There is a reduced rate for attendance if registration is made by July 31. Ed Jones agreed to work with Mary Scheller for future workshops. Ed is also working on a spring medical workshop. Topics that were suggested were the Affordable Care Act, long-term care, volunteer opportunities, and developing a vision board. SWIRCA may be contacted as a resource for information.

The reception for University Retirees is today at the University Home. A tour of the new teaching theater will not be possible due to delays in construction.

The Foundation has agreed to fund printing and mailing the Vintage Times Newsletter for retirees. This may be a temporary situation. As a response, the retirees organization will use funds to donate to the Foundation for scholarships and/or the Capital Campaign. The feasibility of those donations will be pursued.

New Business:

David Bower and Janet Johnson are pursuing a Retiree/Alumni event.

The nomination committee was appointed. The members of the committee are Ed Jones, chair, Chris Jines, and Sherrienne Standley. The nominations will be presented at the next coordinating committee meeting.

A request for updated e-mail address will be made in the next Vintage Times.

Future events and dates:

USI Alumni Day at Ellis Park, Aug. 17. Reservations are needed and the cost is \$30 per person.

Fall Pizza Party – Roca Bar North on Aug. 25, 2014 at 11:30 (the first day of class at USI)

USI Retiree Coordinating Committee meeting – September 30 starting with lunch as Azzipizza at 1 with the meeting at the Foundation Office at 2.

USI Retirees Annual Meeting – Nov. 6, 2014, at 3:00 p.m. in Kleymeyer Hall.

The meeting was adjourned at 2:40 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted,

Jeanne K. Barnett, Secretary

Minutes approved - Sept. 30, 2014