

Minutes, USI Retirees Annual Meeting

November 5, 2015

Room 2217-18 University Center

**Attendance:** John Deem, Jeanne Barnett, Ginger Ramsden, Michael Whipple, Yvonne Floyd, Peggy Harrel, Nancy Johnson, Phil Fisher, Helen Fisher, Sharon Morrow, and Marlene Shaw.  
**Guests:** Dr. Linda Bennett, Cindy Brinker, David Black, and Sally Gries.

**Call to Order:** The meeting was called to order by President John Deem at 3:08 p.m.

**Minutes:** The minutes of the 2014 Annual meeting were read and approved.

**Treasurer's Report:** Nancy Johnson reported a balance of \$2824 on July 1, 2015 and \$3394 on Nov. 1, 2015. The membership stands at 570.

**President's Report:** John Deem reported on the multiple activities of the organization in the past year. The highlights included 50<sup>th</sup> Anniversary activities, admission to the African American Museum in Evansville, a canoe/kayak trip at Hovey Lake lead by Dr. Jim Bandoli, and attendance of a show at the new teaching theater on campus followed by cheese and wine at the home of Sherrienne Standley. John encouraged the membership to continue the objectives of the USI Retirees – stay informed, involved, and connected with USI.

**Presentation by Dr. Linda Bennett:** Dr. Bennett spoke briefly about the future considerations and activities at USI. There is discussion of the renovation of the PAC. The new welcome center will be built between the Performance Theater and the Orr Center. That structure will be funded by a private gift. The Griffin Center will be completed by April, 2016. There is continued discussion and questions about campus safety. Options and directions are being discussed. Student applications for 2016 are up and acceptances are stable. Dr. Bennett encouraged the retirees to continue to be involved with USI. We are considered an asset to the University.

**Nominating Committee Report:** The nominating committee of Sherrienne Standley, John Deem, and Jeanne Barnett (Chair) presented a slate of nominees for position on the coordinating council. The individuals for a two-year term ending at the end of 2017 are:

Yvonne Floyd  
Ginger Ramsden  
Mike Whipple  
Phil Fisher

These individuals were elected unanimously. They join continuing members of the coordinating council as follows:

Jim Bandoli  
John Deem  
Chris Jines  
Nancy Johnson

The following slate of officers for the 2016-17 year were proposed:

President: Mike Whipple  
President elect: Jim Bandoli  
Secretary: Ginger Ramsden

Treasurer: Nancy Johnson  
University Liaison Yvonne Floyd

The slate of officers were elected unanimously.

**Old Business:** A meeting with Steve Bridges was held on August 30, 2015. Our concerns were discussed with Steve. He was receptive to our ideas and he wants retirees to be more involved with the University. Retirees will act as advisors in the hiring of the new director of Human Resources, but will not be a member of the hiring committee.

Ginger Ramsden reported on the medical issues/wellness fair to be held Mar. 8 in the morning. There will be multiple presentations that should be of interest to the membership. Please plan to attend.

**New Business:** Because we are financially sound, an educational grant has been developed that will be available to benefit-eligible employees. The grant will be awarded via random selection of all eligible employees who are enrolled in a credit course. Our financial status has been accomplished because the Foundation Office has been supporting the organization by providing copy and mailing costs.

Mike Whipple is in discussion with John Mark Hall to provide complimentary tickets for USI retirees to a Basketball game.

The meeting was adjourned at 3:45 p.m.

After the meeting was adjourned, Professor David Black presented the 50th anniversary video of USI. It was informative and well done.

Respectfully submitted,

Jeanne K. Barnett, Secretary

Not Approved