

Minutes

USI Retirees Coordinating Council Meeting Thursday, May 19, 2022 Griffin Center, 2 p.m.

Members Present: Cindy Brinker, John Deem, Tim Mahoney, Phyllis Oeth, Marlene Shaw, Linda Tribble, Maggie Carnahan

Members Absent: Craig Ehlen, Sandy Hatfield, Connie Schnarre

Call to Order: President Cindy Brinker called the meeting to order at 2 p.m. She welcomed all members to the Coordinating Council.

Approval of Minutes: A motion was made by Tim Mahoney and seconded by Phyllis Oeth to approve the minutes of the March 17, 2022, meeting with one amendment. Motion carried.

REPORTS

Treasurer's Report: John Deem gave the Treasurer's Report

Beginning balance 7/1/2021	\$4,655.41
Receipts	\$1,520.00
Membership fees	
Disbursements	
Expenditures for five 2022 spring scholarships	\$1,000.00
Council Giving Tree	\$ 75.00
Ending balance 4/30/2022	\$5,100.41

An erroneous charge was made to this account but it is being corrected.

Linda Tribble made a motion to accept the Treasurer's report; Tim Mahoney seconded. Motion carried.

President's Report:

Cindy Brinker reported that 15 retirees signed up for the Virtual Minka Tour; 10 participated. A great deal of positive feedback was received from those attending. Tim suggested this might be a good presentation for local high school students.

Cindy and Tim participated in a Zoom meeting for the new USI Strategic Plan; the category discussed was partnerships, through Outreach and Engagement and directly through university departments. Additional information will be shared as it becomes available.

There are currently 41 retirees signed up for the Facebook Group page. It is encouraging to note that retirees are reaching out to others to build the group. No one is posting to the page at this time except Cindy and Connie; Cindy hopes others will post in the future. All planned events for the year are posted on the page and we continue to search for ways to increase participation. Phyllis suggested using Messenger.

The Summer/Fall edition of the Vintage Times will be ready for distribution by July 28, 2022. This issue is to highlight retirees' activities, although the response from retirees has not been as strong as originally hoped. Cindy will reach out to individuals who are involved in their communities. Additional items to be included in this issue are new retirees and In Memoriam, spring 2022 grant recipients, upcoming events and photos from past events, an update from Human Resources, membership information and details about the USI Retirees Group Facebook page.

OLD BUSINESS

Discussion was held regarding upcoming events:

- **Waters-Graham Gallery Exhibit** at the Thyen-Clark Cultural Center - Jasper Community Arts on June 15, 2022, from 11 a.m. to 2:30 p.m. CDT (Jasper is on EDT). Cindy has reserved a 7-passenger van for those who need transportation. Lunch will be served at 11:15 a.m. CDT with a program provided by Matthew Graham and Katie Waters. There also will be a presentation on the Cultural Arts Center. Kyle Rupert '10, currently serves as Director of Art for the Cultural Center. Janet Johnson is inviting DuBois County alumni to join retirees at this event. Linda Tribble made a motion for the Retirees' group to pay for the van rental and associated costs, as well as box lunches for attendees. John Deem seconded. Motion carried.
- **USI Retirees Annual Reception** will be held July 28, 2022, from 4-6 p.m. in the Griffin Center. The Foundation will send invitations by July 1 and include new retirees. Dr. Rochon will be the featured speaker. New retirees in attendance will be recognized.
- **MidAmerica Institute on Aging and Wellness** is scheduled August 10, 11, 12, 2022, on the USI campus. There is a \$65 fee per day to participate but Cindy will talk with Dr. Katie Ehlman about the possibility of waiving the fee for 2-3 members of the USI Retirees Group. Tim Mahoney indicated the fee may not apply for keynote presentations,
- **Pizza Gathering at Turoni's on Main Street** is scheduled for August 16, 2022, from 11:30 a.m. – 1 p.m. The back room has been reserved. Attendees are encouraged to wear USI logo wear for a group photo.
- **Tour of the Evansville Wartime Museum** is September 19, 2022, from 1 – 4 p.m. Dr. Mark Browning will conduct the tour for our group. Cindy will check to see if there is a limit on the number of participants that can be accommodated. The Council will discuss paying the entry fee at its next meeting.
- **USI Retirees Annual Meeting** will be November 17, 2022, from 4 – 6 p.m. Retiring Council members will be recognized. Cindy also suggested recognition of USI retirees who passed away over the past year. She asked for suggestions for a program.

Discussion regarding the TouchNet web service for collecting dues is ongoing.

NEW BUSINESS

Cindy has created the following committees:

- Special Events Planning Committee for 2023 - Phyllis Oeth has agreed to serve as chair. The goal is to have events planned by the November Annual Meeting to generate additional interest and participation. Suggestions were made to survey retirees at the July reception and through the Facebook group page for ideas. Phyllis will review retirees' webpages from other universities for possible ideas. It was suggested that some retiree and alumni events could be merged.

- Nominating Committee, chaired by Craig Ehlen, will present a finalized slate of officers and Council members at the September 15, 2022, meeting. Additional Council members will also serve on this committee. Craig is completing his second 2-year term and will be leaving the Council at the end of this year; additional Council members will be selected to fill this committee.
- There was discussion to organize a Membership Recruitment Committee to develop ways to increase participation in the USI Retirees. It was suggested to include retirees not on the Coordinating Council as committee members to help plan events and other activities without the commitment of serving on the Council. Discussion was held on ways to involve new retirees as they leave employment at USI. There are currently 380 USI retirees with 73 paying dues to the retirees' group.

OTHER BUSINESS

The USI Directory will be finalized and ready to distribute by the July 28, 2022, reception.

The next meeting of the Coordinating Council will be July 28, 2022, at 2 p.m., in the Griffin Center, prior to the reception.

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 3:07 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Linda Tribble, Secretary