Texas State University
Retired Faculty and Staff Association
Advisory Board Meeting Minutes
December 14, 2016
Grins, San Marcos

Advisory Board members in attendance: Ed Burkhardt, Linda Burkhardt, Randy Cook, Margaret Dunn, Lloydean Eckley, Josie Garrott, Carole Greer, Debbie Heinsohn, Marian Loep, Judy Row, T.Cay Rowe, Peggy Townes, Don Tuff and RFSA University Liaison Debra Christian.

Not present were: Dorothy Evans, Carmen Imel, Rob Moerke, Kathie Patterson, Larry Patterson and Darlene Schmidt.

November 9, 2016, minutes – Debbie moved and Marian seconded approval of the minutes and all voted to approve.

November 2016 treasurer’s report – Josie reported a petty cash balance of $380.76; a university account balance of $3,623.80 [after $5,000 was placed in reserve, $2,250 was encumbered for spring 2017 scholarships and $4,500 for fall 2017/spring 2018 scholarships, $400 was set aside for Pat Murdock’s memorial brick, and $1,500 was designated for annual meeting expenses]; and $1,505 in the LLL account. Don moved approval of the report, Judy seconded and the motion passed.

Advisory Board discussion and action items:

1. Membership recruitment programs – We tabled this discussion in the interest of time. We briefly discussed what to do with the quarterly lists of retirees after we get them.

2. New board members – We tabled this item also in the interest of time.

3. PR opportunities – We will take a photograph today for the San Marcos Record.

4. New members/new retirees – We welcome Diane Willms, widow of Charles, retired Chemistry Department faculty member and chair; and Jim Kimmel of the Geography faculty and his wife Jerry.


6. Update of RFSA clubs & committees
   A. Program chairs report: Josie reported that the lunch/musical went great, that 51 people are expected for the holiday lunch after the board meeting, and that plans are on track for the annual meeting in April.

   B. Upcoming events
      a. Coushatta overnight trip – As of today, 31 people say they are interested in the event on February 20-21. To book with Coushatta, we need 40 and can take as
many of 55. We discussed ways to reach out to more people who might go. We need a payment of $400 two months before the event to book it. Judy moved and Josie seconded a motion to issue a check for $400 to Cousedhata if they don’t take a credit card in order to secure the trip. The motion passed.

b. **Spur of the Moment** – Cindy Gratz and Cindy Kruckemeyer are excited about the idea and will set a meeting about it soon; they invite anyone interested to come when they do. We decided against a survey of members and opted instead for giving our ideas to them via email. Cindy G’s is cindygratz@centurytel.net; Cindy K’s is cindy_k500@yahoo.com. Some ideas were going to see Bret Graham at Brauntex Theatre, January 19, seeing a matinee at the Rock Box Theater in Fredericksburg, and dinner at Clear Springs or McAdoo’s.

C. **Care Committee** – Linda reported that Kathie Patterson is recuperating at home. Linda sent cards on RFSA’s behalf to Sheila Fling, who had a car accident and to Lon’s Shell’s wife, who also had an accident.

D. **Fall Social Committee** – Marian reported that the committee is having its first meeting in March.

E. **Historical Committee** – Darlene sent word that the committee met December 7 and will meet again January 18 as they sort out material for the Archives.

F. **Investment Club** – Rob sent word that the club met Tuesday to talk about current financial trends. They will not meet in January but will meet February 7, March 14 and May 2.

G. **Life-Long Learning** – Judy reported that Marianne Reese has set up these courses:

- “C.S. Lewis: Master Communicator” taught by Lewis scholar and Regents Professor Steven Beebe at the San Marcos Library 6:30-8 p.m. January 31, February 7, 14, 21, 28 and March 7.

And these courses through the San Marcos Parks and Recreation Department:

- “The Business of May Next: The Story of the U.S. Constitution” taught by veteran history teacher Jo Snider at the Activity Center 1-2:15 p.m. February 1, 8, 15, 22 and March 1, cost $10.
- “How To Listen to and Understand Great Music” taught by Robert Whalin, professor of music emeritus at the Activity Center 10:30-11:45 a.m. February 6, 13, 27, March 6, 13 and 20, cost $20.
- “Depicting Forms from Nature” drawing class taught by metalsmith and illustrator Roxana Tuff at Cephas House 12:30-2:30 p.m. January 28, February 4, 11, 18, 25 and March 4, cost $45.
- “Introduction to Colored Pencil Techniques” also taught by Roxana Tuff at Cephas House 3-5 p.m. January 28, February 4, 11, 18, 25 and March 4, cost $45.
- “Portrait Drawing,” a three-day workshop taught by Roxana Tuff at the Fish Hatchery, 10 a.m.-3 p.m. (hour lunch break) January 19-21, cost $110.
H. Scholarship Committee – Nothing to report

I. Social Media/Website Update Committee – Debra reported that Facebook and the website are being updated. She also said that the university will move to a new computer platform soon that will affect retirees’ email accounts. We should look for instructions on how to move our emails over to the new system.

J. Constitution review (ad hoc) – Lloy dean reported that the committee will meet in January.

K. Nominating Committee (ad hoc) – T. Cay reported that the committee had met once and will meet again soon.

7. Off agenda items – None

8. Adjournment – The meeting adjourned before guests began to arrive for the holiday luncheon.

Respectfully submitted,

T. Cay Rowe, secretary