

**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, Lloyd Easley, 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.
- 5. Human Resources update** – Nothing new.
- 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. Coughatta overnight trip** – As of today, 31 people say they are interested in the event on February 20-21. To book with Coughatta, 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 Coughatta 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 Cephass 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 Cephass 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)** – Lloyddean 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