

**Texas State University  
Retired Faculty and Staff Association  
Advisory Board Meeting Minutes  
November 11, 2015  
STAR Park Conference Room**

**Advisory Board members in attendance:** Ed Burkhardt, Linda Burkhardt, Randy Cook, Margaret Dunn, Lloyddean Eckley, Dorothy Evans, Josie Garrott, Carole Greer, Marian Loep, Rob Moerke, Kathie Patterson, Judy Row, T.Cay Rowe, Darlene Schmidt, Peggy Townes, Don Tuff, and RFSA University Liaison Debra Christian.

Not present were Debbie Heinsohn, Carmen Imel, Larry Patterson and Marianne Reese.

Marian called the meeting to order at 10 a.m.

**October 14, 2015, minutes** – Linda moved approval of the minutes, Lloyddean and Judy seconded, and all voted to approve.

**November treasurer's report** – Josie reported a petty cash balance of \$330.33 and a university account balance of \$13,394.02, which includes a Life-Long Learning account balance of \$2,025.00 (donations only) with \$1,207.53 to be moved to the general RFSA operating portion of the account. There is also \$19.87 remaining on the HEB gift card. Darlene moved approval of the report, Ed seconded and the motion passed.

**Advisory Board discussion and action items:**

- 1. Annual Meeting planning** – Josie and Ed, co-chairs of the event, report that Dick's Classic Car Museum has been reserved for April 14, 2016, for \$350.
- 2. Nominating Committee appointments** – According to the bylaws, the president selects members of the Nominating Committee in November, so she did that. Don will chair, with T.Cay, Margaret and Judy as additional members. In addition to producing a slate of candidates, the committee is responsible for entertainment at the Annual Meeting (it is to be a speaker this year) and creating the memorial presentation.
- 3. Volunteer opportunities through Hospice Care** – Randy was in contact with Abby Hurst at CTMC Hospice, who gave him a number of suggestions of what RFSA might do to help. Abby greatly appreciated the items collected for Hospice at the Fall Social and from other RFSA members who took things to them directly. Ed suggested we help Hospice become listed with Bobcat Build for projects. A committee will look at Abby's ideas and bring suggestions back to the board in January.
- 4. Budget Committee annual review** – Josie asked that we RTA this item until January, by which time the scholarship and LLL expenses will have been paid.
- 5. President's Retiree Reception follow-up** – Several members complimented the event, although there are still low numbers of new retirees attending. We have had problems getting lists of new retirees so that we can encourage attendance. Dr. Bourgeois asked for our

assistance next year in contacting new retirees and inviting them to attend this event. Debra said she will try to get a list next time. Because almost no one from the custodial and maintenance staff attends, we discussed ways to encourage their participation.

6. **PR opportunities** – Our photo for the Veterans Day Parade was not used because the parade was cancelled. Too bad because it was a good picture! We'll use it elsewhere. We will take a picture at the Holiday Luncheon for distribution to the *Record* and others. We will invite Rusti Wade, the scholarship winner who missed the Fall Social, and her parents to the luncheon and take their photo. We will try to set up a photo of all three winners together.
7. **New member/new retirees** – New members are Ronald Patschke (Math) and his wife Joyce; Oscar Barerra (Facility Operations) and his wife Esperanza; Dominga Wesley (Residence Life); Mario Suarez (Facilities Purchasing); Julio Rodriguez (Carpentry) and his wife Erma; and Walter Rudzinski (Chemistry) and his wife Cathy. These bring our membership numbers to 268. We discussed how to count our membership – retirees only or retirees and spouses? Marian, T.Cay and Debra will look at the membership form and attempt to revise it to count everyone.
8. **Human Resources update** – Nothing to report. The discussion led Margaret to mention an article she read about seniors' use of heroin after unintentionally becoming addicted to prescription opiate pain killers. Don will look for the article to circulate to members.
9. **Update of RFSA clubs & committees**
  - A. **Program chairs report:**
  - B. **Upcoming events**
    - a. **Veteran's Day parade** – The parade was cancelled.
    - b. **Gruene Hall event** – Linda reported that 18 people had a fantastic evening November 4 with dinner at the Grist Mill and fun at Gruene Hall.
    - c. **Holiday luncheon December 9** – Josie reported that invitations have been mailed, and plans are progressing. The board will have its December meeting there at 10 a.m. before the luncheon. We'll keep it short.
    - d. **Theater matinee (25<sup>th</sup> Annual Putnam County Spelling Bee) and lunch (Italian Garden) February 21** – Plans are on track.
  - C. **Care Committee** – Linda reported that we sent cards to Judy Brown, who recently had a heart attack but is recovering, and to Patsy Pohl, whose husband James died recently. Margaret mentioned that Ellen Tillman, a history faculty member, lost everything in a recent flood and needs furniture, linens, etc. Her email is et19@txstate.edu and phone is 245-2177.
  - D. **Fall Social Committee** – Nothing to report.
  - E. **Historical Committee** – Darlene reported that the committee is going to meet in January, and this item will return to the agenda in February.

**F. Investment Club** – Rob reported that the club met yesterday. Charles Johnson spoke. The next meeting is 10 a.m. December 1 at the Price Center.

**G. Life-Long Learning** – Marian, for Marianne, passed out a draft of the guidelines for petty cash to be used by LLL. Marian asked that board members give her feedback by December 1 for the December meeting.

**H. Scholarship Committee** – Ed reported that the committee met November 5 and recommended that we continue with three scholarships at the same rate, \$1,500 a year, for the 2015-16 academic year. Judy moved acceptance of this recommendation, Dorothy seconded and the board approved. Ed also reported that the committee wrote a timeline for publicizing the scholarship deadline, including an ad in the *University Star's* New Student Orientation issue in the summer. Ed also said that new software will allow us to have the names of recipients by our August meeting. Our preferences are still (1) applicants with a retiree relationship, with or without need, and (2) applicants with a current Texas State faculty or staff relationship, with or without need. We will consider need if necessary to cull the numbers.

**I. Social Media/Website Update Committee** – Lloydian is doing Facebook updates. Debra is doing website updates.

#### **10. Off agenda items**

The plaque for Bill Liddle has been installed in the Memorial Garden.

**11. Adjournment** – The meeting adjourned at 11:35.

Respectfully submitted,

T.Cay Rowe, secretary