

**Texas State University
Retired Faculty and Staff Association
Advisory Board Meeting Minutes
January 11, 2017
River House**

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

Not present were: Dorothy Evans, Carmen Imel, Rob Moerke, Kathie Patterson, Larry Patterson Judy Row and Peggy Townes.

December 14, 2016, minutes – Marian moved and Lloyddean seconded approval of the minutes and all voted to approve.

December 2016 treasurer's report – Josie reported a petty cash balance of \$380.76; a university account balance of \$4,343.80 [after the \$1,500 encumbrance for the Annual Meeting was reduced to \$1,000; a gift of \$400 was recorded; and a payment of \$180 was made to the Price Center for the Christmas board social]; and \$1,535 in the LLL account. T.Cay moved approval of the report, Darlene seconded and the motion passed.

Advisory Board discussion and action items:

1. Membership recruitment programs

A. New retirees – Debra requested the list of new retirees on Monday. She will distribute the list to the board before the next meeting so that we can encourage the people we know to join RFSA. We discussed ways to communicate with new retirees as quickly as possible after they have retired from the university.

B. Investment Club – Ed will meet with Gary Carmen soon to talk about getting more people involved in the club. Its next meeting is February 7, and an invitation will be emailed to all retirees.

2. New board members – We talked about possibilities for additional board members and voted to invite four of those discussed to come to our next meeting to check us out.

3. PR opportunities – No action

4. New members/new retirees – We welcome Betty Harkins from the Department of Occupational Education.

5. Human Resources update – Margaret reported that there is now a link to RFSA on the Faculty Senate webpage. Also ERS notified members that they are watching new legislation to provide more security to ERS funding.

6. Update of RFSA clubs & committees

- A. Program chairs report:** Josie reported that the holiday luncheon drew about 50 people with donations of 130 pounds of food and \$800 for the Hays County Food Bank. Grin's works well for our events, she said, so she took the liberty of reserving Grin's for the summer luncheon on June 14.

Josie reported that she has explored catering possibilities for the Annual Meeting and proposed Tavern on the Creek in New Braunfels, which gave us a bid of \$15 plus 15% gratuity for a chicken lunch minus dessert. This will bring the total to \$17.25 per person. Debbie moved and Margaret seconded a motion to charge members \$10 and have RFSA funds pick up the remainder. The motion passed. Assignments for board members for the Annual Meeting went out in email.

B. Upcoming events

- a. Coughatta overnight trip** – Marian reported that 25 rooms are reserved for us. The bus will schedule two potty breaks on the road. RFSA will provide water and individually packaged snacks for the bus. The bus will be in the stadium parking lot at 8 a.m. February 20, leaving at 8:30. Marian will distribute the fine points to those who sign up.
- b. Spur of the Moment** – An email regarding an upcoming concert by Bret Graham on January 19 at the Brauntex Theater in New Braunfels has gone out to members. Someone mentioned that the city's 50+ program might have some possibilities for events. We also decided that a 14-day lead time on events was appropriate.
- C. Care Committee** – Linda reported that she had sent cards to Diana Hendricks, whose husband Mark, a retiree from the university's News Service, died; to financial planner Vince McElliott, whose wife died; and to the family of A. J. Webber from Maintenance, who also died.
- D. Fall Social Committee** – Marian proposed a date of Friday, September 22, for the next Fall Social, and when the board agreed, she said she would book the facility.
- E. Historical Committee** – Darlene reported that the committee has met twice and will again later this month. The committee is organizing materials by year.
- F. Investment Club** – Discussed earlier (see above).
- G. Life-Long Learning** – The San Marcos Record ran an article on upcoming classes.
- H. Scholarship Committee** – Debra reported that all three fall winners had made their grades and would be eligible for spring awards. [We later learned that one of the recipients, Madalyn Shaw, had not made her grades.]
- Debra will send a message to faculty about the August 1 scholarship deadline.
- I. Social Media/Website Update Committee** – We made a suggestion to put the Spur of the Moment events on our Facebook and website.

J. Constitution review (ad hoc) – Lloydan reported that the review is in process.

K. Nominating Committee (ad hoc) – T.Cay reported that the committee will report in March.

7. Off agenda items – Ed complimented IT at the university on the good job they are doing with problems encountered with the new computer system. They are ready with answers when called.

8. Adjournment – The meeting adjourned at 11:40 a.m.

Respectfully submitted,

T.Cay Rowe, secretary