

Texas State University Retired Faculty and Staff Association
Advisory Board Meeting Minutes
Wednesday, May 13, 2015
River House

Advisory Board members in attendance: Ed Burkhardt, Linda Burkhardt, Margaret Dunn, Lloyddean Eckley, Josie Garrott, Carole Greer, Debbie Heinsohn, Carmen Imel, Marian Loep, Rob Moerke, Kathie Patterson, Larry Patterson, Marianne Reese, Judy Row, T.Cay Rowe, Darlene Schmidt, Peggy Townes, Don Tuff and RFSA University Liaison Debra Christian

Advisory Board members absent: Randy Cook and Dorothy Evans

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

Approval of the March 11, 2015, Advisory Board minutes – Larry moved and Josie seconded a motion that the minutes be approved. The motion passed.

Treasurer's report – Josie presented a report showing \$335.49 in Petty Cash, \$12,263.95 in the University account and \$2,905.23 in the Life-Long Learning account as of April 9. After some questions about the amount of money available for scholarships, Josie offered to include a line item for scholarships in future reports. (The money for scholarships is transferred to the University when scholars are named.) Darlene moved acceptance of the report, Peggy seconded and the motion passed.

Advisory Board discussion and action items:

- 1. Annual Meeting followup** – Don suggested that scholarship recipients in the future be schooled in how to dress for the occasion. All applauded the great music, especially one member of the singing group, Darlene! We had 68 attendees. Although the food was fine, a recommendation was made to look for other caterers next year. A suggestion was also made to use full names in the memorial Power Point, along with departments served. For planning purposes, the Program Committee recommended that we set the date and place now for next year's annual meeting – April 14, 2016 at Dick's. Debbie so moved, Carole seconded and the motion passed. Josie added that there is a flat rate of \$350 for the facility next year. Josie and Ed presented the attached report.
- 2. Program Committee recommendations for 2015-16** – Josie and Rob reported that the committee has discussed recommended activities for next year. They recommend that we not do Cottage Kitchen next year, maybe do it every other year, and research some other volunteer activity. The Holiday Luncheon will be December 9 with Josie and Lloyddean as leads. Larry will be the lead on the Veteran's Day Parade with Josie securing car and driver. Other possible activities include Painting with a Twist, an outing to Retama, partnering with the Activity Center for a trip to a Spurs game, a movie night, and a volleyball social.

They asked for board approval to go ahead with planning for an October outing including the Gristmill and Gruene Hall in New Braunfels and a University theatre matinee and lunch in

February. Judy so moved, Lloydan seconded and the motion passed. Events will be posted on the website with pictures of the events afterward.

3. **RFSA University account** – Marian reported that there is a UPPS governing agency funds like our University account – 03.01.15. Under this UPPS, the University has fiduciary oversight, but no approval is needed for the agency to spend its money. We will fill out a form for funds, send the form to Debra through Marian and Josie, and Debra will send it on to be paid.
4. **PR opportunities** – T.Cay will do a “Spotlight” for the website on Pat Murdock. Linda and Ed offered to take honorary board member certificates to Pat and Al Brieger. T.Cay will send photos and outline to media regarding the spring scholarship winners and announce the deadline for scholarships for the upcoming academic year.
5. **New members and new retirees** – New members are Sharon and Nick Nusbaum (Sharon worked for ID Services), Thomas and Ellen Petray (Thomas was in the C&I Department) and Linda Gutierrez from Athletics. Welcome! A discussion ensued about who should be counted as members and how we should list them, but no decision was made. Marian will draft an email for all retirees about how to reactivate their old Texas State emails or how to forward emails to a new one.
6. **Staff Council, Faculty Senate and Human Resources** – HR will give all retirees a list of benefits available to them, a membership form for RFSA and instructions on email.
7. **Update on RFSA Clubs & Committees**
 - A. **Program chairs’ report**
 - a. **Day Trip April 28** – Debbie reported that 39 went on the trip out of the 40 reservations. They had a wonderful time. RFSA had to pay \$260 to break even after reservations were taken.
 - B. **Upcoming events**
 - a. **Summer luncheon** – Invitations go out today. June 10, Mamacita’s, board meeting 10 a.m., lunch 11:30; Josie, Debbie, Lloydan leads.
 - b. **Veterans Day Parade** – No report.
 - c. **Holiday Luncheon** – No report.
 - C. **Care Committee** – Linda reported that cards have gone to the families of Kent Findlay and O.C. Haley.
 - D. **Fall Social Committee** – Marian reported that HEB has given us a \$500 gift card and \$300 sponsorship from TIAA-CREF. We have gotten a \$200 sponsorship from Glen Wier Insurance. We will order 252 knives for \$83.79 that George Carruthers will brand.
 - E. **Historical Committee** – No report.

F. Investment Club – Rob reported that Gary Carmen spoke at the last meeting of the year last Tuesday. The club presented the Jaggers with a plaque of appreciation.

G. Life-Long Learning (LLL) Committee – Marianne reported that after 14 months of trial with the Life-Long Learning courses, it is evident that the University does not want to support the effort but the city does, through its 50+ Program. From now on, attendees will register through the San Marcos Activity Center, which will also collect fees. Eighty percent of the money collected will go to the instructor, and 20 percent to the Activity Center. Courses held at the public library must be free.

Marianne is on the 50+ board and will provide input on behalf of RFSAs. We will not be a sponsor of the program but will consider it “promoted by RFSAs.” We will try this a while and see what happens.

Courses scheduled this summer are

- A series of four free lectures at the library Wednesdays beginning June 3, 3-4:30 p.m. Lectures are “Geographic Profiling” by Kim Rossmo, a Research Professor in the Department of Criminal Justice at Texas State; “Dementia Citizenship: A game changer for America” by Christopher Johnson, a Clinical Professor of Sociology at Texas State University; “Baby Boomer Rock ‘n’ Roll Fans: You know who you are!” by Joseph A. Kotarba, Professor of Sociology and Director of the Center for Social Inquiry at Texas State University; and “In Search of Texas: Images of the Lone Star State” by Becky Duval Reese, the former director of the El Paso Museum of Art and the Huntington Art Gallery (now the Blanton Art Museum) in Austin, TX.
- “How To Better Use Your Digital Camera” by Don Anders, on Wednesdays, June 1, 8, 15, 22, and 29, from noon to 1:30 p.m., at the Activity Center. Registration is required for this class and the charge is \$30.
- “Introduction to Meditation and Sound of Yoga” by Jerry Kimmel, on Mondays June 1, 8, 15, 22, and 29, from 2-3:15 p.m., at the Fish Hatchery. Registration is required for this class and the charge is \$45.

H. Scholarship Committee – The committee recommends that RFSAs give three scholarships in 2015-16 since we have \$5,000 from UFCU that we did not have this year when we gave two. Judy so moved, Carmen seconded and the motion passed. We will advertise the scholarship and August 1 deadline in the summer orientation issue of the *University Star*.

I. Social Media/Website Updating Committee – Marian asked board members to look at the reworked website and give her feedback. She asked chairs of each event to write descriptions of their events for the site. We still need a chair for this committee.

8. Off-agenda items

We received a thank you letter from the San Marcos Women's Shelter for food provided after the annual meeting. Marian thanked Peggy for taking leftovers to them.

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

Respectfully submitted,

T.Cay Rowe, secretary