

**Texas State University**  
**Retired Faculty and Staff Association Advisory Board Meeting Minutes**  
**February 11, 2015**  
**River House**

**Advisory Board members in attendance:** Ed Burkhardt, Linda Burkhardt, Randy Cook, Margaret Dunn, Dorothy Evans, 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 RFSU University Liaison Kimberly Garrett

**Advisory Board members absent:** Lloyd Eckley and Josie Garrott

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

**Approval of the January 14, 2015, Advisory Board minutes** – Marianne moved and Margaret seconded a motion that the minutes be approved. The motion passed.

**Treasurer's report** – Darlene presented the treasurer's report for Josie with a balance of \$507.14 in Petty Cash as of today and \$5,092.70 in the university account as of January 22. The two scholarship allotments have been taken out. Kimberly said that the UFCU money has still not been posted. Darlene moved and Marianne seconded a motion to accept the report, and it passed unanimously.

**Advisory Board discussion and action items:**

- 1. Annual Meeting/Nominating Committee report** – Judy moved and Darlene seconded a motion that RFSU pick up \$5 of each meal and attendees pay \$10, and approve Steger's Chiffonade as caterer of the event. The motion passed. Kimberly said that we might have to pay insurance at the event; she will look into that. Ed commented that he thought entertainment would be nice, but it might mean paying an honorarium. The caterer will be ready to serve at Noon.

Rob said that it would be appropriate to thank the Price Center for allowing the Investment Club (and other RFSU events) to use the location. Rob moved and Linda seconded a motion to buy a plaque of appreciation for Ron and Marie Jaeger to be presented at the Annual Meeting if they are available and if not at the May or September meeting of the Investment Club. Rob will get the plaque.

Annual Meeting guests are invited to arrive at 10 a.m., and coffee will be served. Call to order will be 10:30 for a short business meeting. Minutes and financial reports will be at the tables. Marian will give the RFSU Accomplishments Report and the slate of officers will be announced and put to a vote. The memorial recognition powerpoint will be followed by the presentation of honorary board memberships to Pat Murdock and Al Brieger. Entertainment will begin after the board meeting, around 11:30 and the meal will be served beginning at Noon. RSVP date is April 2. Email invitations to all retirees will go out before Spring Break.

- 2. Budget Committee Report** – RTA to May.

3. **University Federal Credit Union update** – Rob said that he would invite Clint Campbell from UFCU to the Annual Meeting and ask him if UFCU wants a table there for its brochures.
4. **RFSA research at University of Texas** – Margaret researched the retiree club at UT. They are housed within the Texas Exes, which is independent of UT, with its own 501(c)3. Judy and Marianne will research the pros and cons of a 501(c)3 for us and present their findings at the March meeting.
5. **PR opportunities** – The *Record* used the picture of our Cottage Kitchen “cooks” to promote the event and a release about the LLL classes. Future opportunities are a photo of our scholarship winners at the Annual Meeting, a photo from the dance classes Richard Cheatham is conducting, and a photo of the Jaegers getting their appreciation plaque.
6. **New members and new retirees** – New members are Elda Cruz from Financial Aid, Brian Row from Art, Jim Kimmel from Geography, Cynthia Wissmann from the Library and Robert Niemietz from Housing, bringing our total to 258. Welcome!
7. **Staff Council, Faculty Senate and Human Resources** – No report.
8. **Update on RFSA Clubs & Committees**
  - A. **Program Committee** – Josie welcomed Carole Greer and Randy Cook to the committee.
    - **Basketball social** – About 50 people attended, Ed and Linda reported, and they received nice emails from the coaches afterward.
    - **Cottage Kitchen** – We had lots of volunteers and 66 people were served. We deposited \$444 to the Heritage Association. Josie made a list of suggestions for next year.
    - **Lunch/Matinee “A Streetcar Named Desire”** – Larry and Kathie reported 39 reservations for lunch and 37 for the play February 22. They will distribute tickets at the lunch at Italian Gardens.
    - **Day trip to Fredericksburg** – Debbie reported that the trip on April 28 is being finalized. Buses will leave about 7:30 a.m. T.Cay volunteered to look at the buses being considered before we sign up. We will go to the LBJ Park with a tour at 10 a.m., then go to Fredericksburg for a two-hour stop that can be used for lunch, shopping or a museum visit. There will be stops at one or two wineries and maybe Luckenbach on the way home. Buses return home about 5 or 6 p.m.
    - **Summer luncheon/speaker** – Rob said that he would look into a possible speaker from HR.
    - **Veterans Day Parade** – No report.
    - **Holiday Luncheon** – No report.
  - B. **Care Committee** – Linda reported that a card was sent to the family of John Wilbur Hopson.
  - C. **Historical Committee** – No report.

**D. Investment Club** – Rob reported that Gary Carmen will speak at the March 3 meeting, and speakers for the May and September meetings are to be determined.

**E. Fall Social Committee** – Marian reported that the committee will meet sometime in March.

**F. Life-Long Learning (LLL) Committee** – Marianne is handing out flyers at all classes about how to donate to RFSA. She also distributed to the board a report, a chronicle of actions taken on behalf of LLL. She reported that LLL has 201 registrations from 173 people for eight classes, with a waiting list. The iPad/iPhone class is offering two classes; the financial planning class did not make because the leader, Clint Campbell of UFCU, wanted 15 registrants and we had nine. Class attendees will receive a survey toward the end of the classes.

Questions remain on how to proceed with future LLL classes, given the uncertainties of our affiliation with University Advancement. The Executive Committee will meet with representatives of Texas State to discuss where the RFSA belongs within the university and will call a special meeting of the Advisory Board, if needed.

**G. Scholarship Committee** – Ed reported that Michelle Piersol, granddaughter of Darrell and Barbara Pierson, is our replacement scholarship winner for the spring.

**H. Social Media/Website Updating Committee** – We still need a chair for this committee.

## **9. Off-agenda items**

- We have ordered a plaque in memory of Bill Liddle that will be installed in the Memorial Garden on campus when received.

**10. Adjournment** – Several members moved and seconded a motion to adjourn at 11:50 a.m., and the motion passed.

Respectfully submitted,

T.Cay Rowe, secretary