Advisory Board members in attendance: Al Brieger, Ed Burkhardt, Linda Burkhardt, Randy Cook, Margaret Dunn, Lloydean Eckley, Josie Garrott, Debbie Heinsohn, Marian Loep, Rob Moerke, Marianne Reese (on the phone), T.Cay Rowe, Darlene Schmidt, Peggy Townes, Don Tuff and RFSA University Liaison Kimberly Garrett. Also welcomed was guest Cindy Gratz who is a new member of the Program Committee.

Advisory Board members absent: Dorothy Evans, Carmen Imel, Pat Murdock, Larry Patterson, Kathie Patterson and Judy Row.

Marian called the meeting to order at 10 a.m. and acknowledged visitor Cindy Gratz and welcomed Al back among us. She also welcomed new board member Randy Cook. Other new members who could not be here today are Larry and Kathie Patterson. Welcome aboard!

Approval of the August 13, 2014, Advisory Board minutes – Darlene moved and Ed seconded a motion that the minutes be approved as circulated. The motion passed.

Treasurer’s report – Josie presented the treasurer’s report of a balance of $524.87 in Petty Cash and $4,224.80 in the university account. A motion to accept the report passed unanimously. Ed and Linda Burkhardt, members of the Budget Committee will audit petty cash and report at the October board meeting.

Advisory Board discussion and action items:

1. President’s Retirement Reception – The reception in the Garland Warren Room in the End Zone Complex is September 29. Kimberly will send to the board the names and phone numbers of the new retirees so that we may call individuals and encourage their attendance. There are about 75 names. All RFSA members will receive invitations to the event.

2. Annual Meeting Committee format – Marian made a motion to split the duties of the Annual Meeting so that the site selection and luncheon itself will be handled by the Program Committee and the nominations, memorial Power Point, speaker or entertainment by the Nominating Committee. The motion passed. Marianne, Judy, Ed, Al and Peggy are on the Nominations Committee. Josie offered to serve as an advisor, if needed. Ed will chair the committee.

3. Historical Committee update – Nothing to report.

4. Discover Texas State adult opportunities – Kimberly reported that three or four members volunteered to help with this event.

5. PR opportunities – T.Cay will resend the release about the fall social to the Record editor David Short (it had previously been sent to Anita Miller but apparently was not used).
Darlene and Judy will take pictures of the scholarship recipients, and T.Cay will send a release. T.Cay will talk with Rob about setting up a Veterans Day picture.

6. **New members and new retirees** – Marian reported that we have four new members: Ed Schneider, Patricia Margerison, Sue Beebe and Rosie Olivo. Welcome!

7. **Facebook and website updating** – Kimberly reported that all updates have been made to the Facebook site. The website updating group will meet before the October Advisory Board meeting.

8. **Staff Council and Faculty Senate update** – Kimberley reported that Staff Council is having elections now. Don says he is waiting for the Faculty Senate’s annual agenda.

9. **Report of LWV Issues Forum** – Peggy attended the League of Women Voters forum as a representative of RFSA. At this forum, the League asks for suggestions from the community for questions to ask candidates in the Voters’ Guide and at the debates. Peggy said that the main issues that surfaced were water, affordable housing, growth and traffic. Debates are scheduled for October 15 and 20 at 7 p.m. at the Activities Center.

10. **Update on RFSA Clubs & Committees**
   a. **Program Committee**
      - Volleyball reception – Debbie reported that the reception will be October 10, 4:30-5:30 before the 6 p.m. game in the Maroon & Gold Room. A volleyball coach will talk with the group and we’ll sit together for the game.
      - Men’s basketball social – Linda and Ed are working on this event in the spring.
      - Holiday Luncheon – Marian and Josie reported that this event will be December 10 in the Garland Warren Room, and more information will be available later.
      - Day Trip – Debbie reported that the trip to the Fredericksburg area is being planned, probably in April. She is looking for suggestions for wineries to tour (there are so many!)
      - Lunch/matinee for *A Streetcar Named Desire* in the new Performing Arts Center – This event is being planned for February 22.
      - Veterans Day Parade – Rob confirmed that George Carruthers and Ollie Maier will ride in the RFSA car in the November 8 parade, with car and driver provided by Dick’s Classic Cars. He can use one more veteran in the car. A suggestion was made to add veteran status to our membership form.
        - Cottage Kitchen – Peggy reported that we do not have a confirmed date, but that she will try to stick with February. Peggy stated that each month has a different coordinator.
   
   b. **Care Committee** – Linda reported no activity this month – a good thing!

   c. **Investment Club** – Rob reported that he and Larry had decided to have the club meet every other month. Gary Carmen will lead meetings October 7, February 3 and May 5. The group will have other speakers at the December 2 and April 7 meetings, possibly a representative from UFCU for one of them.
d. **Fall Social Committee** – Marian reported that we have more than 50 silent auction items and RSVPs from 103 so far (we had 130 last year). Both scholarship winners and their parents are coming. We will have membership forms there. New lapel pins will be distributed to members.

e. **Life-Long Learning (LLL) Committee** – Marianne reported that the first class will be about art appreciation. It will be six weeks beginning September 18, weekly at the public library. Thursdays from 10:30-11:45 a.m. The library is sending publicity, and the class is open to the public. We have 19 registered so far (five are RFSA eligible but not members). We will have a request for donations (suggested $25), and the money will be put in a line-item in the budget to support LLL.

f. **Scholarship Committee** – Ed reported that our scholarship winners are Casey Jackson, granddaughter of member Bonnie McClellan, and Savannah Perez, whose father John works for Facilities. We had 34-37 applications, Kimberly said. She added that the university is implementing a scholarship program in which all applicants for scholarships will have access to the whole list of scholarships. When we receive the $10,000 donation from UFCU, funds will be taken from that and moved to the scholarship account to match all donations to RFSA scholarships.

11. **Off-Agenda Items**

- Marian met with Bob Gratz to review a draft of the proposed changes to the UPPS affecting retirees. She said most of the changes are simply clarifications, such as “two complimentary tickets” to fine arts events rather than “season passes.” “Complimentary membership in Friends of Fine Arts and Communications” will be added to the UPPS. Also added was a notice that retirees may purchase a reserved parking space for the same price that current faculty and staff pay.

- Rachel Betts of the City of San Marcos staff has asked to make a 5-10 minute presentation to the board on the code for land development in the city. We will invite her to the October meeting.

12. **Adjournment** – Several members moved for adjournment at 11:40 a.m.

Respectfully submitted,

T.Cay Rowe, secretary