

**Texas State University
Retired Faculty and Staff Association
Advisory Board Meeting Minutes
September 9, 2015
River House**

Advisory Board members in attendance: Ed Burkhardt, Linda Burkhardt, Randy Cook, Margaret Dunn, Lloydean Eckley, Dorothy Evans, Josie Garrott, Carole Greer, Debbie Heinsohn, Carmen Imel, Marian Loep, Rob Moerke, Kathie Patterson, Larry Patterson, Judy Row, T.Cay Rowe, Darlene Schmidt, Peggy Townes, Don Tuff and Marianne Reese on the phone.

RFSA University Liaison Debra Christian was not present.

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

Guest speakers – Darion Jackson and Rhonda Summerbell of UFCU came to talk about possible partnerships with RFSA, including co-hosting an event with current faculty and staff. We agreed to continue to explore possibilities.

August 12, 2015, minutes – Judy moved approval of the minutes, Linda seconded, and all voted to approve.

Treasurer's report – Josie reported a petty cash balance of \$142.92, a university account balance of \$6,120.38 and a Life-Long Learning account balance of \$3,232.53, as of August 31. Lloydean moved approval of the report, Larry seconded and the motion passed. The \$4,500 for scholarships has already been transferred. Ed and Linda oversaw an audit of the petty cash account August 31 and pronounced all is well.

Advisory Board discussion and action items:

- 1. President's Retiree Reception during Homecoming** – The event will be 5-6:30 p.m. November 3, the Tuesday of Homecoming week.
- 2. PR opportunities** – Judy will take pictures of our scholarship winners for a news release that T.Cay will write. T.Cay has written a spotlight on Al Brieger for the website; his daughter is sending us a picture.
- 3. New member/new retirees** – No new members, but the question was raised of our organization's actively recruiting the spouses of deceased faculty and staff. Judy, Debbie and Carole will get together after the fall social to discuss how we might do that.
- 4. Staff Council, Faculty Senate & Human Resources** – Nothing to report
- 5. Update of RFSA clubs & committees**
 - A. Program chairs report:**

B. Upcoming events

- 1. Veteran's Day parade** – Larry has filled out the paperwork for the November 7 event.
- 2. Gruene Hall event** – Wednesday, November 4, 6-10 p.m. Ed and Linda reported that the Gristmill does not take reservations, but they will “work with us” so we still need a number.
- 3. Holiday luncheon December 9** – We have reserved the Garland Warren Room, and Josie is filling out the reservation forms. She has the list of approved caterers, and the committee will examine the list and make a recommendation.
- 4. Theater matinee and lunch February 21** – Larry and Kathie have booked the Italian Garden Restaurant.

C. Care Committee – Linda reported that we sent a card to the family of Marguerite Gillis. Margaret mentioned that Mary-Agnes Taylor died recently; Linda will send a card to her family as well.

D. Fall Social Committee – We have 86 reservations so far and expect about 120 for September 18. Rob will emcee, and Marian will provide the script. We will have 60 Alumni Association koozies, with extras from the Wood Cycling Center. A box will be provided for items to be taken to Hospice; Randy will ask Hospice for receipts to be given to those bringing items.

E. Historical Committee – Nothing to report.

F. Investment Club – Rob reported that the club will have meetings in November and December on the first Tuesday of each month.

G. Life-Long Learning, Request to open account at UFCU – Marianne reported by phone that she has sent an email proposal to board members about opening a separate account for LLL. She reported that Dan Perry of UA has no problem with this. Marian said that the document is a good start and wants a group to look at the proposal to make sure it's what we want. Marianne mentioned that the board needs to decide if RFSA wants to continue sponsoring LLL.

Don moved to table consideration of a separate LLL account until the original committee can discuss and provide a recommendation. Dorothy seconded and the motion passed unanimously.

Marian will seek board members' opinions by email to share with the LLL committee.

LLL is planning a “presentation series” Thursdays in October and November, 2-3:30 at the San Marcos Library. Each week will be a different speaker. So far “Useful Plants of Ancient Texas” is October 1; “Popular Music: Our good friend as we get older” is October 8; “The Way of Tea: Cha-do, the Japanese Tea Ceremony” is October 22; Texas State's Changing Campus” is October 29; “San Marcos Water Issues” is November 5.

Six-week courses in the fall will be “Beginning Watercolor” Thursdays beginning October 8, 1-3 p.m., Dunbar Rec Center; “Learn from the River” Wednesdays beginning

October 7, 10-11:30 a.m. at the Activity Center; “iPhone and iPad Basics” Mondays beginning October 5, 10:30 a.m. to noon, at the Activity Center; “Introduction to Standard American and Duplicate Bridge” Fridays beginning October 9 at the Activity Center. A “Survival Spanish I” course will be Mondays and Wednesdays October 5-28 at the San Marcos Fish Hatchery.

H. Scholarship Committee – Ed reported that our scholarship winners are Rusti Wade, Hannah Hoffmann and Casandra Cantu.

I. Social Media/Website Update Committee – Marian reported that all of last year’s minutes have been added to the website.

6. Off agenda items – T.Cay mentioned that the 25th anniversary of the Alkek Library is being celebrated September 23 with a re-enactment of the Book-It-Brigade that passed symbolic books from the old to the new libraries. All are invited.

Reminder: The ERS enrollment period is November 2-20.

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

Respectfully submitted,

T.Cay Rowe, secretary