

**Texas State University
Retired Faculty and Staff Association
Spring Meeting Minutes
April 9, 2015
Dick's Classic Car Museum, San Marcos**

Advisory Board members in attendance: Ed Burkhardt, Linda Burkhardt, Randy Cook, Margaret Dunn, Dorothy Evans, Josie Garrott, Carole Greer, Debbie Heinsohn, Carmen Imel, Marian Loep, 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: Lloyd Dean Eckley and Rob Moerke

Number attending: 72

Marian called the meeting to order at 10:56 a.m. She thanked longtime UA liaison Kimberly Garrett for her service to the organization (the board has voted her an honorary member and a certificate will be presented at the fall social). Marian introduced our new UA "guardian angel," Debra Christian. She also thanked Valerie Anderson of the Texas State staff for her help on our website. Marian introduced Clint Campbell, a former Bobcat, and Derion Jackson from the University Federal Credit Union, and thanked UFCU for its \$10,000 gift to our organization. Marian also thanked Josie and Fred Garrott for providing the nametags.

Approval of the April 10, 2014, minutes – The minutes were printed and available on tables. A motion to accept them was made, seconded and passed.

Treasurer's report – The treasurer's report was printed and available on tables. It showed a petty cash balance of \$435.49, a university account balance of \$10,503.95, and an RFSA Life-Long Learning account balance of \$4,320.23 as of March 11. A motion was made, seconded and passed to accept the report.

Advisory Board discussion and action items:

1. Scholarship presentation – Marian introduced Michelle Piersol as a 2015 spring scholarship winner. She is the daughter of Pari Sandage and Mark Piersol, and the granddaughter of Barbara and Darrell Piersol, members of RFSA. She is a graduate of the Katherine Anne Porter School in Wimberley and an English major and history minor who graduates in December.
2. **Nominating Committee report** – Ed chaired the committee, which also consisted of Peggy, Judy and Marianne. He presented the following slate of candidates:

President – Marian Loep
Vice President – Ed Burkhardt
Treasurer – Josie Garrott
Secretary – T.Cay Rose
Ombudsman – Don Tuff

The motion was made, seconded and passed to accept the slate.

3. **Memorial presentation** – Judy presented a Power Point of the retirees and active faculty/staff who have died in the last year.
4. **President's report** – Marian walked us through the RFSA website and reported that we have 258 members, 22 more than last year. Sharon Nusbaum is a new member. She gave a brief overview of RFSA benefits and activities, including the new Life-Long Learning program that is a partnership with the city's 50+ program.

She announced that Al Brieger and Pat Murdock, members of the original board, have been named honorary advisory board members.

She told the group that we are working on an MOU (memorandum of understanding) to make official our relationship with Texas State; it will be presented to the TSUS Board of Regents in May.

She reported that we are working on increasing attendance at the President's Retirement Reception, and that RFSA is participating in the Retirement Fair and Bobcat Pause.

5. **Upcoming events** – Marian briefly talked of the Program Committee's activities, including pregame volleyball and basketball socials, holiday luncheon, Veteran's Day parade, Cottage Kitchen, theatre lunch/performance, and the Fredericksburg day trip later this month. She also reported that the Annual Fall Social will be held September 18th. She mentioned that members could sign up for any committee that interests them now.
6. **Adjournment** – The official business meeting adjourned at 11:15, and Ed introduced our special entertainment. We were delighted with a performance by Austin Harmony, a women's singing group that includes our own Darlene Schmidt. We gave them a deserved standing ovation and then proceeded to lunch catered by Steger's Chiffonade.

Respectfully submitted,

T.Cay Rowe, secretary