Advisory Board members in attendance: Randy Cook, Margaret Dunn, Lloydean Eckley, Dorothy Evans, 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 Kimberly Garrett

Advisory Board members absent: Ed Burkhardt, Linda Burkhardt

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

Approval of the December 10, 2014, Advisory Board minutes – Dorothy moved and Darlene seconded a motion that the minutes be approved. The motion passed.

Treasurer’s report – Josie presented the treasurer’s report of a balance of $593.87 in Petty Cash and $6,377.70 in the university account as of January 8. Margaret moved and Darlene seconded a motion to accept the report, and it passed unanimously.

Advisory Board discussion and action items:

1. Changes in Advisory Board membership – Marian welcomed Carole Greer to her first meeting as a board member and announced that Al Brieger and Pat Murdock had asked to be taken off the active board. They were both on the original board. Don moved that we make Pat and Al honorary members of the board. Rob seconded and the motion passed enthusiastically and of course unanimously. We love you, Pat and Al!

2. Annual Meeting/Nominating Committee report – Josie reported that the date (April 9) and place (Dick’s Classic Car Museum) are set. They are looking at caterers and will report in February. Ed will present the Nominating Committee report in February also.

3. University Federal Credit Union update – Kimberly reported that our $10,000 donation from UFCU is on campus and will be in our account soon. UFCU currently has an office in the Undergraduate Academic Building and will have a grand opening there today at 3:30. They will have a San Marcos location later.

4. New Alumni/Conference Center – Kimberly reported that a feasibility study is being done now on the Center. Marian said that this item is on the agenda to keep before the board an idea that RFSA needs a “place” on campus, a room or office where we can store items that are now kept in members’ houses or garages. The Center might not be the answer, but we need to have a location.

5. Retirement Fair – The fair is March 25, a Wednesday. RFSA will have a table there and needs three or four people to staff it. Margaret, Judy, Marianne, Darlene and maybe Rob volunteered.
6. **PR opportunities** – T.Cay had a picture (thanks, Darlene) and release ready to send to media, pending the notification that both of our scholarship winners had made their grades to receive the scholarship for the spring. Casey Jackson did not receive the spring award. Kimberly will find a student to receive the spring award and we will take another picture for the media.

We will take a picture at the Basketball Social for the media. We will also send a picture to illustrate our Cottage Kitchen hosting, and a release regarding the LLL courses.

7. **New members and new retirees** – We have several new members – Verna Henson (Criminal Justice), Cindy Kruckemeyer (Student Business Services), Gloria Snell (Financial Aid and Scholarships) – bringing our total to 254 members. Welcome!

8. **Staff Council, Faculty Senate and Human Resources** – Don and Kimberley reported that there is not much on the Faculty Senate or Staff Council agendas of interest to us right now. Margaret said that she would contact UT’s retired faculty and staff association to see what they do to keep up with issues regarding retirees that come up on campus. We agreed that we need someone in Austin looking out for our interests when the Legislature is in session.

9. **Update on RFSA Clubs & Committees**

   **A. Program Committee** – Josie welcomed Carole Greer and Randy Cook to the committee.

   - **Veteran’s Day followup** – Josie and Rob expressed a concern about identifying veterans to ride in the annual parade. Kimberly said that she would send an email asking members if they are veterans (the question is on the new application for membership) and she will add the question to our website. Rob suggested that we have a sign-up sheet for parade participation at the annual meeting. Someone suggested that we might look to student veterans also. Larry Patterson agreed to take the lead on this project for 2015.

   - **Basketball social** – Randy reported for Ed and Linda that it appears we have enough food for the January 24 social in the Maroon and Gold Room. Ed and Linda will remind the coaches to contact their support groups. Attendees will need to pick up tickets themselves. There will also be some doorprizes. Deadline for RSVPs is January 21.

   - **Holiday Luncheon** – We collected $820 and 174 pounds of food for the Hays County Food Bank at the luncheon with 89 of the 94 RSVPs attending. We received a thank-you note from the Women’s Center for the leftovers.

   - **Day trip to Fredericksburg** – Debbie reported that the trip will be April 28, with buses leaving about 7:30 a.m. 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 Luckenbach on the way home. Buses return home about 5 or 6 p.m.

   - **Lunch/Matinee “A Streetcar Named Desire”** – Larry reported that lunch will be at the Italian Garden beginning at 11:30 a.m. (BYOB). Parking at the Performing Arts Center opens at 1 p.m. RSVP deadline for block seating at the PAC is January 15. So far, he said, 33 have signed up for lunch and 35 for the play.
• **Cottage Kitchen** – Peggy reported that Kimberly will send an email to RFSA members saying what we still need for February 6. Set up will be Thursday at 10 a.m. Don will hang the RFSA banner. Helpers are urged to show up between 9 and 9:30 a.m. on Friday.

B. **Care Committee** – Linda had nothing to report – a good thing!

C. **Historical Committee** – Darlene had nothing new to report.

D. **Investment Club** – Rob reported that the next meeting is 10 a.m. February 3 at the Price Center with Gary Carmen speaking. There will be no March meeting. The April meeting is tentatively set for April 7, and Gary will return for the May 5 meeting.

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

F. **Life-Long Learning (LLL) Committee** – Considerable discussion on this item regarding the confusion between University Advancement and RFSA over accepting registration fees, approval and distribution of publicity, and staffing to handle registration and fees. Eight classes have been scheduled for the spring, all beginning in early February. We have already offered the teachers of the courses $50 an hour. Marianne estimates that costs would be between $1,900 and $3,800 to offer these eight classes.

   It was decided, because of the time constraint, to go ahead and offer these eight courses, bill them as a “pilot” project, and work toward a smoother route for courses in the future. News releases and email wording will go to UA for approval. Dorothy moved and Josie seconded a motion to use UFCU funds to offset costs of the eight classes for spring, and the motion passed unanimously.

   Marian will ask the Executive Committee to meet with Barbara Breier, Dan Perry and perhaps others to begin work on a smoother route for offering LLL courses. Marian asked that members send her any questions they have.

G. **Scholarship Committee** – As reported above, one of our fall scholarship winners did not meet grade requirements for spring, so another recipient must be chosen.

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

10. Off-agenda items

   • Bobcat Pause is April 9, at the LBJ Student Center Ballroom starting at 5 p.m.
   • Parking tickets. Marian is aware of three parking tickets that were issued after the holiday social. They came to her for resolution, and Finance and Support Services graciously offered to waive them this time. However, in the future, members will be
expected to get their free hangtags on their own to park on campus, and FSS and RFSA will not cover them.

11. **Adjournment** – Several members and seconded a motion to adjourn at 11:45 a.m., and the motion passed.

Respectfully submitted,

T.Cay Rowe, secretary