

**Texas State University  
Retired Faculty and Staff Association  
Advisory Board Meeting Minutes  
August 10, 2016  
Price Center, San Marcos**

**Advisory Board members in attendance:** Ed Burkhardt, Linda Burkhardt, Randy Cook, Margaret Dunn, Lloydean Eckley, Josie Garrott, Debbie Heinsohn, Carmen Imel, Marian Loep, Judy Row, T.Cay Rowe, Darlene Schmidt, Don Tuff and RFSA University Liaison Debra Christian.

**Not present were:** Dorothy Evans, Carole Greer, Rob Moerke, Kathie Patterson, Larry Patterson and Peggy Townes.

**July 13, 2016, minutes** – Don moved and Darlene seconded approval of the minutes and all voted to approve.

**July 2016 treasurer's report** – Josie reported a petty cash balance of \$108.68; a university account balance of \$9,038.96 after \$1,050 was deposited from the Fall Social and \$94 was paid for the *University Star* ad and \$4,500 was encumbered for scholarships; and a Life-Long Learning account balance of \$1,480. Darlene moved approval of the report, Don seconded and the motion passed. Marian said that we need an audit of petty cash in the LLL account and asked for volunteers. Darlene and T.Cay said they would do that in addition to the audit they are going to do on the other petty cash account. They will report in September.

**Advisory Board discussion and action items:**

- 1. Location of future meetings** – Debra reported that the River House will be available for our meetings during the coming academic year, and she booked it for us.
- 2. San Marcos Tourist Information Center** – Denise Prado, volunteer coordinator for the Tourist Information Center, is looking for retired community members to help staff the center. This would be a fun way to meet tourists and tell this about the great place we live. If interested, contact Denise at 512-393-5933 (office) or 512-757-2102 (cell) or [denisep@sanmarcostexas.com](mailto:denisep@sanmarcostexas.com).
- 3. UFCU funding** – Ed reported several things that he and Dan Perry talked about at their recent meeting. Ed reiterated the organization's importance to the university and took along a list of officers, our list of activities and board minutes. Barbara Breier was scheduled to meet with them but had emergency surgery and will be in St. David's Rehab for about a month.
  - Ed asked about the status of UFCU donations to the university this year. Dan said the list of who will get funding for 2016-17 should be available soon and that University Advancement gets some discretionary funds. Ed emphasized that we need to know if we are getting funds in order to provide recognition for UFCU at the Fall Social.

- Ed asked Dan about the possibility of UA’s providing some storage space for RFSA. Dan said that all offices in River House and elsewhere are committed but that he would keep our request in mind. Debra reminded us that River House floods from time to time.
  - Dan said that he will explore a way to get death notices to RFSA and a way to get the list of retirees who will be honored by the annual President’s Retirement Reception. Gene Bourgeois has asked us to help encourage attendance at the reception, but we always get the list too late to help.
  - Ed promised that RFSA would try not to overburden Debra with requests for emails and money collection. Debra will let us know her absences from the office ahead of time, if possible. Ed and Dan talked about training a backup for Debra and bringing that person to a future meeting.
  - Ed says Dan asked good questions about LLL and about the possibilities of getting word out about classes.
  - Ed told Dan about our new initiative of scheduling “spontaneous special events.”
  - Dan agreed that he is the one to come to in the hierarchy with questions.
- 4. PR opportunities** – T.Cay will send a photo of new officers taken at the last meeting to the *Record*. She will also send the photo to Debra for the website and to Judy for the notebook. She will also do a press release on the Fall Social to be sent the week of August 22, the same week invitations will be sent.
- 5. New members/new retirees** – No new members
- 6. Human Resources update** – Don said the ERS health plan will be out in September and urged members to read the latest ERS newsletter we got in the mail.
- 7. Update of RFSA clubs & committees**
- A. Program chairs report:** Josie reported that the committee had met right before the board meeting.
- B. Upcoming events** – Josie reported
- The Veterans’ Day Parade is tentatively set for November 5.
  - Larry and Kathie are planning a lunch at Grin’s on November 20 before a 2 p.m. matinee of “Legally Blonde.”
  - The Holiday Luncheon and food drive will be December 14.
- C. Care Committee** – Linda reported that, on RFSA’s behalf, she has sent cards to Coach Vernon McDonald, who is doing well in his recovery at Regent Care; to Kathie Patterson, who has had some recent health issues; to Keith Hoffmann, who is having knee replacement surgery soon; and to McCoy College of Business Administration Dean

Denise Smart, who broke her ankle. Linda said she would also send a card to Barbara Breier wishing her well.

**D. Fall Social Committee** – Marian reported that plans are on track. We have \$2,200 so far, plus the \$500 gift card from HEB. Invitations will be mailed the week of August 22. Debbie is keeping the volunteer list. The CTMC Hospice collection box will again be at the social, along with receipts. The walk-through date has been changed to September 15, 1-2:30 p.m.

**E. Historical Committee** – Darlene reported that the committee was meeting right after this meeting.

**F. Investment Club** – Rob asked Marian to remind all of Gary Carmen’s Greek dinner coming up September 6; attendees are still welcome to sign up. No schedule for club meetings next year is available so far.

**G. Life-Long Learning** – Judy reported that 13 had signed up for the grant-writing workshop; 16 for each of the beginning and experienced watercolor courses; 22 for the “Follow the Breadcrumbs” course; and “Give Falls the Boot” was filled. RFSA, in cooperation with the San Marcos Library and San Marcos Parks and Recreation’s 50+ Program, are offering these lectures at the library Wednesdays 1-2 p.m.:

- “Why Jefferson Did Not Father Children by Slave Sally Hemings,” August 24, by author/educator Mark Holowchak
- “Living Art/Dying Art: The historical human impulse to tattoo,” August 31, by tattoo artist Morgan Haberle Egan
- “Prepare for More Detours!” September 7, by City Councilperson Jane Hughson
- “Tour of STAR Park: A first for Texas State University,” September 14, by Steve Frayser, executive director of the park
- “The Gault Site: The history and current research on the people of the Americas,” September 21, by Clark Wernecke, executive director of the Gault School
- “Fire Hazards and Safety in Your Home,” September 28, by firefighters at the San Marcos Fire Department

Also to be offered are

- “How To Look at and Understand Great Art,” by former art museum director Becky Duval Reese, six Wednesdays beginning October 5, 10:30-11:45 a.m. at the library
- “Seed Ball and Spiral Garden Construction,” by filmmaker Jim Bones, October 22, 10 a.m.-3 p.m. with lunch provided, at the San Marcos Nature Center

- “C.S. Lewis: Master communicator,” by Lewis scholar and Regents Distinguished Professor Steven Beebe, Tuesdays January 31-March 7 (except February 14), 6:30-8 p.m. at the library

**H. Scholarship Committee** – Ed reported that we have 240 applicants, with 30 related to retired or current faculty and staff. We are to be notified before the recipients so that we know that preferences were followed.

**I. Social Media/Website Update Committee** – Debra reported that she is working through glitches with posting items, but that the website is up to date.

**8. Off agenda items**

**A.** Marian reminded us that parking tags for 2016-17 are now available free from Parking Services; a link to Parking Services is on our website.

**B.** “Spontaneous Events” will be added to our future agendas.

**C.** Applause to Marian Loep for her tremendous work as our president for three years!

**9. Adjournment** – The meeting adjourned about 11:10.

Respectfully submitted,

T.Cay Rowe, secretary