Texas State University
Retired Faculty and Staff Association
Advisory Board Meeting Minutes
July 13, 2016
Price Center, San Marcos

Advisory Board members in attendance: Ed Burkhardt, Linda Burkhardt, Randy Cook, Margaret Dunn, Lloydean Eckley, Josie Garrott, Carole Greer, Debbie Heinsohn, Marian Loep, Rob Moerke, T.Cay Rowe, Darlene Schmidt, Peggy Townes, Don Tuff and RFSA University Liaison Debra Christian.

Not present were: Dorothy Evans, Carmen Imel, Kathie Patterson, Larry Patterson and Judy Row.

June 8, 2016, minutes – With the corrected spellings of new members Joe and Penny Piazza and Michael Farris, Don moved and Linda seconded approval of the minutes and all voted to approve.

June 2016 treasurer’s report – Josie reported a petty cash balance of $108.68 (a debit of $100 for the fall social from the last treasurer’s report), a university account balance of $7,988.96 after $4,500 was encumbered for scholarships, and a Life-Long Learning account balance of $1,480. Debbie moved approval of the report, Darlene seconded and the motion passed.

Advisory Board discussion and action items:

1. Follow up from Summer Luncheon – The event at Mamacita’s drew 50 attendees. A delay in food service allowed attendees even more time to socialize!

2. Annual petty cash audit – Marian asked for volunteers for the audit, and Darlene and T.Cay volunteered. Josie will bring the information they need to the August meeting.

3. Locations for future RFSA board meetings – We need to look for a permanent site. Suggestions included the River House (Debra will look into that); a site on campus (Ed will explore that possibility with Dan Perry and Barbara Breier when he meets with them soon); the San Marcos Library (although we can book only a month in advance there); Westover Baptist Church (Lloydean will look into that); and Freeman Ranch. Ed will report at the next meeting, which will be at the Price Center (which costs $50).

4. PR opportunities – We will take a photo of new officers after this meeting, and it will be used on the web page and for an article for the newspaper.

5. Report on review of constitution, bylaws and membership application for associate members – RTA to September

6. New members/new retirees – New members are Ralph Meyer, former UPD chief, and his wife Cindy; and former VPAA Bob Gratz, whose wife Cindy is already an associate member. This brings our total to 276. Welcome to them!
7. **Human Resources update** – Discussion centered around the university’s pharmacy insurance being transferred to United Health, which might not apply to retirees. Don will keep track of that.

8. **Update of RFSA clubs & committees**

**A. Program chairs report:** Josie reported that the committee is looking for a new chair. She also reported:

1. The Veterans’ Day Parade date has not been set. Larry is organizing the riders, and the car will again be provided by Dick’s.
2. The December 14 Holiday Luncheon at Grins will need reservations before Thanksgiving. We have reserved the large room, which holds 60, and will need the adjacent room as well if the numbers go over that. The board will meet before lunch.
3. The Annual Meeting and Luncheon is April 6 at Dick’s. The venue rental price increased from $350 to $500; however, Josie and Fred Garrott are pitching in the extra $150 for 2017. Thanks, J&F! Later the board will have to accept the new fee or find another venue.
4. Also under consideration are dinner and music at Gruene Hall, lunch and matinee at the university, the June 2017 summer luncheon, a daytrip and athletic socials.
5. Several committee members are working on a new programming idea called “spontaneous socials.” Rob will tell us more in September or October.

**B. Upcoming events** – Debra will put all events on the RFSA calendar on the website.

**C. Care Committee** – Linda reported that, on RFSA’s behalf, she has sent cards to Rosie Morris, whose mother died; Bill Windham, who is recovering from health issues; Myra Shaver’s sister after Myra died; Macel and Al Sullivan, as Al’s health is declining; and Priscilla Crosson, who is having heart surgery soon.

**D. Fall Social Committee** – Marian mentioned several new silent auction items that are expected or have come in. She will update the list. We received $500 from John and Chloe Navarrette. 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 will meet after the September 14 meeting. She asks for any items that might need to be saved in the archives.

**F. Investment Club** – Gary Carmen has arranged for a Greek chef to provide dinner for board members and guests who want to attend at the Price Center September 6. The cost is $25 a person, and he requires 25 to do the dinner; we have 20 already. Rob is not sure of a maximum number. We will send an email to current RFSA members asking they RSVP to Gary.

**G. Life-Long Learning** – Judy sent a report that 12 signed up for the beginning watercolor class; 14 for the experienced watercolor; 15 for Give Falls the Boot; 12 for Follow the Bread Crumbs genealogy class. Marianne is exploring a six-week class on C.S. Lewis with Steve Beebe and a music appreciation class with Bob Whalen.
H. Scholarship Committee – Ed reported that we have 131 applications from students not related to an RFSA member and 16 from those related. Those related receive first consideration.

I. Social Media/Website Update Committee – Debra reported that she is meeting with University Marketing this week regarding the template change. She also said that the Facebook icon will be added to the RFSA website.

9. Off agenda items

   A. Parking tags for 2016-17 are now available free from Parking Services; a link to Parking Services in on our website.

   B. There is no word from UFCU on their donation to RFSA for this year. Ed will add this to his list of discussion items when he meets soon with Dan Perry and Barbara Breier.

   C. Debra will ask University Marketing to look at our RFSA logo for their ideas on design.

   D. Debbie invited board members and their dates to the Geronimo VFW on August 2, 7-10 p.m., for dinner and music.

10. Adjournment – The meeting adjourned about 11:15.

Respectfully submitted,

T.Cay Rowe, secretary