

**Texas State University
Retired Faculty and Staff Association
Advisory Board Meeting Minutes
July 8, 2015
River House**

Advisory Board members in attendance: Ed Burkhardt, Linda Burkhardt, Randy Cook, Margaret Dunn, Lloyddean Eckley, Dorothy Evans, Josie Garrott, Debbie Heinsohn, Carmen Imel, Marian Loep, Rob Moerke, Judy Row, T.Cay Rowe, and RFSA University Liaison Debra Christian

Advisory Board members absent: Carole Greer, Kathie Patterson, Larry Patterson, Marianne Reese, Darlene Schmidt, Peggy Townes, Don Tuff

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

June 10, 2015, minutes – Linda moved approval of the minutes, Debbie seconded, and the motion passed.

Treasurer's report – Josie reported a petty cash balance of \$142.91, a university account balance of \$4,902.91 and a Life Long Learning account balance of \$3,232.53, as of June 23. Ed moved approval of the report, Lloyddean seconded and the motion passed. We will need an audit of petty cash in August; Ed and Linda volunteered to do that.

Advisory Board discussion and action items:

1. **Annual summer luncheon** – Josie and Debbie reported that 56 people and two HR guests, who did a wonderful job in their presentation, attended.
2. **Volunteer opportunities through CTMC** – Randy reported that he had talked with Abby Hurst at CTMC. CTMC's Hospice is the only nonprofit Hospice in San Marcos; there is one in New Braunfels. The CTMC group has been there 21 years and operates in seven counties. Their volunteers run a thrift store here to support their mission, which is focused on clients with fewer than six months to live. They provide nurses, trained volunteers to care for families, equipment, medications. They also provide special programs for dying patients such as massages, the granting of one last dream, air conditioners, computers, grief counseling and more. Possible avenues for RFSA to help include doing yardwork, painting and planting, or helping the thrift store by collecting items (they do have a glut of clothes right now but need kitchen items and decorator things).

We decided to ask Abby Hurst to come to our August meeting. Randy, Marian, Margaret and Debbie will work on ideas of how RFSA might help as an organization.

3. UFCU opportunities

- a. **Koozies** – Ed is working with UFCU on these, possibly with our logo on one side and UFCU's on the other.

- b. Networking with students – UFCU is looking for ideas to work with students. We might help them with ideas. We will talk about that at the next meeting.

We will ask Derion Jackson from UFCU to attend our September meeting to ask him what RFSA can do for UFCU.

4. PR opportunities

- a. T.Cay's spotlight on Pat Murdock has been posted and Pat's daughter showed it to Pat, who is in Hospice at Hays Nursing Center. Ed and Linda visited her recently.
- b. T.Cay will explore a spotlight on Al Brieger. The University Archives does not have much; she will talk to Al and his wife Ann for information. Darlene has pictures.

5. New member/new retirees – Nothing to report

6. Staff Council, Faculty Senate & Human Resources – Nothing to report.

7. Update of RFSA clubs & committees

A. Program chairs report:

B. Upcoming events

- a. Veteran's Day parade – We have no date yet, although George Carruthers, Ollie Maier and Dan Flaherty are scheduled to ride.
- b. Gruene Hall event – Gruene Hall has no calendar yet.
- c. Holiday luncheon December 9 – We have permission to use the Garland Warren Room in the End Zone Complex again.
- d. Theater matinee and lunch on February 21 – Larry and Kathie are reserving space in the Italian Garden restaurant for lunch before the performance of *The 25th Annual Putnam County Spelling Bee*, a musical in the Performing Arts Center.

C. Care Committee – Linda reported that we sent cards to W. C. Newberry and Pat Murdock, to Bill Wyndam on the death of his wife, to Darlene Schmidt on the death of her sister and to the family of Lois Liddle. Ed and Linda attended Lois' funeral as well.

D. Fall Social Committee – Marian reported that plans are coming together. We are getting auction items, and numerous "asks" are being made in July.

E. Historical Committee – Nothing to report.

F. Investment Club – Nothing to report.

G. Life-Long Learning – Marianne will make a report at the next meeting.

H. Scholarship Committee – Ed reported that the color ad in the summer orientation issue of the University Star looks good, and we are awaiting applications. Jen Beck has done a lot of work to help us with this scholarship, and we agreed that Ed should invite Jen to the fall social as a thank-you.

I. Social Media/Website Update Committee – We will put the MOU on the website after the regents all sign it. Marian will ask if we are covered liability-wise.

8. Off agenda items – We can order parking permits beginning July 13, with a link on the website. To do so, we will need user names and passwords.

Our letterhead and envelopes are in!

9. Adjournment – The meeting adjourned at 11:10.

Respectfully submitted,

T.Cay Rowe, secretary