

**Texas State University
Retired Faculty and Staff Association
Advisory Board Meeting Minutes
September 14, 2016
River House**

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

Not present were: Dorothy Evans, Josie Garrott, Kathie Patterson and Larry Patterson.

August 10, 2016, minutes – Judy moved and Don seconded approval of the minutes and all voted to approve.

August 2016 treasurer's report – Linda reported for Josie a petty cash balance of \$108.68; a university account balance of \$9,537.96 after \$2,250 was encumbered for spring scholarships; and a Life-Long Learning account balance of \$1,480. Marian moved approval of the report, Lloydean seconded and the motion passed. Darlene and T.Cay reported that their audit of the petty cash account found everything in great shape.

Advisory Board discussion and action items:

- 1. President's Retiree Reception** – The event will be October 18 from 5 to 6:30 p.m. in the Garland Warren Room of the End Zone Complex. Gene Bourgeois has asked for RFSA's help in making the event a success by contacting retirees to be honored and encouraging their attendance. When we get the list of new retirees, Ed will email the list to board members, who will choose the ones they will call. Debra will check with HR to get a list of retirees quarterly so that we can contact them sooner after their retirement. Ed encouraged board members to attend the event.
- 2. MIRG mobile app study** – Ed has been contacted on behalf of a research study asking for RFSA's aid in finding research "subjects" for a project being conducted by several faculty members on mobile apps. While the research appears to be worthwhile and even enjoyable, the request led to a broader discussion of endorsement, privacy and other issues. After considerable talk about the pros and cons, Debbie moved and Linda seconded a motion not to grant the request because we do not share our members' emails with any entity. The motion passed unanimously.
- 3. UFCU funding update, addition to UA website** – Ed reported that UFCU has given us \$2,000 and thanked Marian for writing the application for funds. This gift will make UFCU a lead sponsor of the Fall Social, which a rep of UFCU will attend. RFSA has been added to the new UA website as a faculty/staff service.

4. **PR opportunities** – The news release about the Fall Social appeared in the *Daily Record* on September 9. T.Cay has sent the newspaper a photo and outline of the new officers, and she will send a photo and release about the scholars after the Fall Social.
5. **New members/new retirees** – Sheila Hargett, professor of theatre arts and the legendary costumer for the department, has joined RFSA.
6. **Human Resources update** – Nothing new.
7. **Update of RFSA clubs & committees**
 - A. **Program chairs report:** Rob and others reported on the committee's progress.
 - B. **Upcoming events**
 - a. The Veterans' Day Parade will be November 5, with George Carruthers, Dan Flaherty and Randy Cook riding in the parade car for RFSA. Josie will take photos at the event.
 - b. Larry and Kathie have taken care of reservations for a lunch at Grin's on November 20 at noon before a 2 p.m. matinee of "Legally Blonde."
 - c. The Holiday Luncheon and food drive will be December 14 at Grin's. Invitations will be mailed the last week in October.
 - d. An overnight trip to the Coushatta casino in Louisiana is being considered. Information will be put on tables at the Fall Social, after which an email survey will be sent to determine interest. The outing must have 40 reservations to fit the price charged per person, and must be booked two months in advance.
 - C. **Care Committee** – Linda reported that she will send a card to Kathie Patterson and that Keith Hoffmann's knee surgery is tomorrow.
 - D. **Fall Social Committee** – Marian reported 60 reservations so far, 40+ items for the silent auction, and that there will be a few live auction items. We also have \$3,600 in cash.
 - E. **Historical Committee** – Darlene reported that the committee will meet after the October 12 board meeting in Debra's office, 962 JCK, with university archivist Kris Toma to find out what the archives want and in what form they want it. Judy will bring one notebook as an example of what we have.
 - F. **Investment Club** – Rob reported that the Greek dinner at the Price Center drew 26 people and was a wonderful event. Rob said the 2016-17 schedule includes first Tuesday meetings in November, December, February, March and May at 10 a.m. at the Price Center.
 - G. **Life-Long Learning** – Judy reported that LLL is all set for fall.
 - H. **Scholarship Committee** – Ed reported that because he is now president of RFSA, he will have to step down as head of this committee and a new head will be appointed.

I. Social Media/Website Update Committee – Debra reported that Lloydian is now the Facebook guru and asked us to email her with our news for that site. Meanwhile, Debra will take care of the website.

8. Off agenda items

A. Ed suggested we put a reminder of parking hangtags on the Facebook site.

B. A “Spontaneous Events” committee will meet September 20 and will be added to our future agendas.

9. Adjournment – The meeting adjourned about 11:30.

Respectfully submitted,

T.Cay Rowe, secretary