



**CSUSM Retirees Association Board of Directors  
Minutes from Wednesday, August 8, 2018  
Commons 207 – 11:00 am to 1:00 pm**

**Present:**

Vivienne Bennett, Pat Benson, Laurie Lindeneau, Bill Ward, and Marcia Woolf

- Arlene Cratsa, Retirees Association Coordinator

The agenda and minutes were approved with the exception of one item in the minutes noted by Vivienne Bennett. On the first page under the Chairs Report it was written, "Arlene will look into the availability of The McMahan House for a Saturday in August and report back to the board." This should have been January and not August.

**Chairs Report**

Chair Marcia Woolf welcomed everyone. This was the first official meeting of the new board.

**Coordinator's Report – Arlene Cratsa**

- Membership Report: 110 members (60 Lifetime and 50 Annual)
  - Vivienne suggested contacting those whose memberships have expired to see if they would renew, and if not, then asking the question "why" to get feedback. The previous board did reach out to such members but never reported back.
  - Marcia asked if Arlene could ask members who leave the RA for their reasons.
  - Marcia asked if we could place the Retirees Association brochure online. (Arlene will follow up-Done, form is online.)
- Financial Report: Balance as of 8/8/2018: \$13,860.21 (After deduction of annual luncheon meeting expenses, balance will be \$11,164.36).
  - Last financial report balance was \$13,723.97 on June 12, 2018.

**Old Business**

**AROHE**

- Marcia and Arlene have made their reservations to attend the AROHE Conference being held in Atlanta, GA from October 7 to 9.

**Fall Arts and Lectures Series**

- The board looked at the list of Arts and Lectures activities for the fall semester and agreed to attend the Tango Obsession event being held on Tuesday, October 16 from 7:30 pm to 9:00 pm in Arts 111. There will be a reminder for retirees to click on the "Alumni" link to purchase their ticket(s) since RA members receive the same discount.
  - Pre-gathering at Pizza Nova in San Marcos beginning at 5:00 pm. The Retirees Association will purchase appetizers and/or pizza. Those attending will purchase their own beverages and other food.

## Action Items

2019 Mid-Month, No-Host Luncheon

- **Monday, January 14**
  - Gemological Institute Tour and Lunch at Karl Strauss (Laurie has confirmed details)
- **Tuesday, February 19**
  - Orfila Winery (Arlene will see if the University has a contact-No contact)
- **Wednesday, March 20**
  - The Chemistry of Chocolate (Pat will contact Jackie to get details-Done. Scheduled for March 20. Pat will confirm time and location.)
- **Friday, April 19**
  - Annual Luncheon/Business Meeting – McMahan House confirmed (Arlene to contact Dean Mike Schroder to see if he would be the featured speaker.)
- **Thursday, May 16**
  - Coronado Excursion – take ferry to Coronado, lunch at Ferry Landing (possibly at Il Fornaio), walk harbor & explore shops – Vivienne to follow up with details

In addition, efforts are underway to host a joint Palliative Care / Retirement (Estate Planning) workshop currently planned from some time in February. (Set for February 9 at the McMahan House)

Tentative Schedule:

- 9:30 to 10 am – Registration
- 10:00 am to Noon – Session I with Sharon Hamill
- Noon to 1:00 pm – Lunch
- 1:00 to 3:00 pm – Session II with Kyle Button

## New Business

- Number of Board Meetings
  - The Bylaws state “The Board of Directors will hold two (2) meetings per year, one each semester, at times determined by the Board.”
    - After discussion, the board determined there should be 3 meetings per year: (Another meeting could be scheduled as needed.)
      - June
      - August
      - Late November or Early December

## Tukwut Times

Next issue (Volume 3, Issue 2) content was discussed

Content Due Date: **Monday, December 3**

- Chair’s Report – Marcia Woolf
- Recap of recent activities with photos
  - October 16 Tango Obsession – who will do write-up (Done-already sent it in)
  - November 28 - Life After CSUSM Panel Discussion
- Member Profile
  - Dick Montanari – Marcia to contact Dick (Done-already sent it in)
- Spring/Summer Calendar of Events – Arlene
- Do You Remember – Susan Mitchell – Pat will contact (Done-already sent it in)

- Retirement Tip – Ernie & Leslie Zomalt- Arlene to contact (**Done-already sent it in**)

### **Next Board Meeting**

**Wednesday, November 28 from 10:00 am to 11:50 am followed by “Life After CSUSM” Panel Discussion in University Commons 207**

### **Open Discussion**

There was discussion regarding Don Barrett’s idea for a train excursion to Los Angeles. It was agreed that this might be too tiring of a trip and is it worth it in regards to cost, time, etc. (**We will not be doing this.**)

Vivienne brought up Borrego Springs as a better excursion since it would be peaceful and Brooks and Marion Reid know the area so well. Vivienne will contact Brooks and Marion.

Vivienne thought it would be a good idea to send out an email reminder every December regarding Income-Related Monthly Adjustment Amount (IRMMA) since so many retirees do not know about this. If it is in the Tukwut Times, many might not read it.

The Board asked Arlene to create and maintain a list of the Retirement Tips already covered in the Tukwut Times.

*Minutes submitted by Arlene Cratsa, Retirees Association Coordinator*