



**CSUSM Retirees Association Board of Directors
Minutes from Wednesday, August 21, 2019
Commons 207 – 11:30 am to 1:30 pm**

Present:

Vivienne Bennett, Pat Benson, George Diehr, Suzanne Lingold, Laurie Lindeneau and Bill Ward

- Lori Brockett, AVP and Executive Director for Retirees Association
- Arlene Cratsa, Retirees Association Coordinator

Chairs Report

Chair Pat Benson welcomed everyone

Coordinator's Report – Arlene Cratsa

- Membership Report: 125 members (72 Lifetime and 53 Annual)
 - Vivienne asked for an explanation of the members highlighted in blue and with an asterisk. Those are members who signed up for automatic renewals.
 - It was also suggested we place a box on the RA membership form to have members check if they are an administrator, faculty or staff. This information will be added to the membership database. Among other things, we can use this information to maintain the faculty/staff/administrator balance on the RA Board of Directors.
- Financial Report: Balance as of 8/21/2019: \$12,454
 - Last financial report balance was \$12,553.86 on 6/10/2019

Tukwut Times

- Next Issue Volume 3, Issue 6 (late September or early October)
- Chairs Report – Pat
- Recap of recent activities with photos – (who will do write-ups):
 - July 27 – Del Mar Racetrack (Bill)
 - It was agreed this should be placed in the Tukwut Times – we went, we learned, it was educational and fun.
 - August 26 – 2nd Annual Beach Walk & lunch at Jakes (Arlene)
- Membership Profile
 - Paul Phillips was mentioned but he is not a member of the RA
 - Administrators:
 - Steve Lilly – Bill Ward will ask Steve if he would be willing to submit a profile
 - Pam Wells – Pat Benson will ask Pam if Steve declines
 - Staff: (In the queue for the next addition of Tukwut Times)
 - Maureen Dupont - Lori will ask Maureen if she would be willing to submit a profile
 - Helen Montage – If Maureen declines, Pat will ask Helen
- Fall 2019 and Spring 2020 Calendar of Events
 - Monday, September 23 – Arts and Lectures "Power of a Story"

- October – The board made the decision not to hold an October event since we would be doing an early November event
- Early November – Bee Keeping
 - Suzanne will get information on visiting a bee keeping farm and get back to the board with details
- Saturday, December 7 – Rescheduling of Coronado Excursion
- January 2020 – The board made the decision not to hold a January event
- February – Either Leoness Cellars (Suzanne) or Monte de Oro (Bill) Winery
 - Suzanne and Bill to get back to the board with details
 - This outing to be planned for a date in the Feb. 1-15 range
- Wednesday, March 18 – Stone Brewery (Arlene to call to find out about tour)
- Friday, April 24 – Annual Luncheon/Business Meeting at The McMahan House
 - Speaker Harold Goldwhite from CSU-ERFSA. George will contact Dr. Goldwhite or find a suitable alternative speaker from CSU-ERFSA.
- Friday, May 22 - TBD
- Do You Remember – Early Quilting, Leslie Zomalt (Pat will ask Leslie)
- Retirement Tip – Rerun Silver Sneakers Program by Sandy Punch
 - The next retirement tip could be technology related – “how to protect passwords.” Bill said we could contact Teresa Macklin to write a short blurb.
- Additional Article – No additional article for this issue
 - Placeholder: Jennifer Jeffries – Fallbrook Regional Health District

Old Business

- Affinity groups – book club, hiking group, etc.
 - It was agreed this would be on the agenda for our next meeting (Arlene to supply list of RA member interests)
- FYI – Pat, Vivienne and Arlene taking Marcia Woolf out to lunch as a thank you for serving as Chair of the Board

New Business

- **Avoiding controversial venues**
 - Should the RA stay away from controversial events? Where is the boundary line? Lori Brockett read **Article II – Purpose** from the Bylaws which states, “*The purpose of the Association is to create a strong organization of CSUSM retirees, to encourage a relationship of mutual support between the University and its retirees, and to promote the University and its programs. To accomplish these purposes, the Association will engage in social gatherings; educational and service opportunities; and practical support and advocacy for CSUSM and its retirees.*” After a lengthy discussion, it was agreed that the RA should remain neutral and noncontroversial.
- **Fundraising for other organizations/causes**
 - Should the RA promote events and fundraising for other organizations and causes? After discussing the subject, the board voted not to promote fundraising for other organizations and causes. Vivienne so moved, Bill seconded, and the Board voted in favor of the decision.
 - After discussion, the Board felt it appropriate to let RA members know of events they might be interested in that are not sponsored by the RA Association. On one occasion, Tukwut Times posted a section entitled “Something Extra.”
- **Upcoming CalPERS Board Election – To endorse candidates or not**

- There is an upcoming CalPERS Board Election that will start August 30 and ends September 30. There are 13 members on the CalPERS Board, of which six are elected. There is one representative who is elected by retired members; no one else can vote in the election. There will be two candidates on the ballot vying for this position. There was discussion by the Board whether the RA should endorse or not endorse candidates. The Board agreed they should not endorse candidates.
- **D'litiful Chocolat – alum owned**
 - This will be tabled for another time.
- Next Board Meetings – Location: Commons 207
 - **Wednesday, November 6 – Noon to 1:00 pm “Life After CSUSM” Panel Discussion**
 - **1:00 pm to 3:00 pm – RA Board Meeting**
 - **Wednesday, February 19, 2020 – 11:30 am to 1:30 pm – RA Board Meeting**
 - **June meeting TBD**

Meeting was adjourned at approximately 1:40 pm

Minutes submitted by Arlene Cratsa