



**CSUSM Retirees Association Board of Directors
Minutes from Wednesday, February 19, 2020
Commons 207 – 11:30 am to 1:30 pm**

Present:

Vivienne Bennett, Pat Benson, George Diehr, and Bill Ward

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

Chairs Report

The agenda for February 19 and the minutes from the November 6, 2019 were approved with one addition to the agenda: recruitment for board members

Coordinator's Report – Arlene Cratsa

- Membership Report: 127 members (72 Lifetime and 55 Annual)
 - Breakdown is as follows:
 - 26 Administrators
 - 60 Faculty
 - 38 Staff
 - 3 Friends of the RA
- Financial Report: Balance as of 1/9/2020: \$13,024
 - Last financial report balance was \$12,600 on 10/23/2019

Tukwut Times

- Next Issue Volume 6, Issue 2 (May) – Content due by end of business day on Monday, May 4
- Chairs Report – Pat
 - Acknowledge survey suggestions from members
- Recap of recent activities with photos
 - Oak Mountain Winery - Thursday, Feb. 13 - Suzanne
 - Stone Brewery – Wednesday, March 18 – George
 - President Neufeld Investiture – Tuesday, April 7 (No one was assigned on this one)
 - Lori explained the Investiture date was dictated by the Chancellor's schedule
 - Six other presidents will be attending
 - Email retirees about this event
 - Lori to double check if Carol Cox will receive an invitation
 - Annual Luncheon/Business Meeting – Friday, April 24 - Pat
- Membership Profile
 - Administrators or Staff
 - Fox Russell – Bill to follow up with Fox
 - Laurie Lindeneau – backup

- 2020 Calendar of Events
 - Saturday, May 20 - Coronado Excursion
 - Monday, August 3 - 3rd Annual Walk & Lunch in Del Mar
 - October (Date to be determined - Jill Watts talk on her book "Hattie McDaniel")
 - November (early in the month) – Social to recruit ERFSA membership
 - Arlene to look for venues
- Do You Remember – Pow Wow by Bonnie Biggs
- Retiree News – reach out to Linda Leiter, Bonnie Biggs & Marian Reid to encourage them to complete the online form
- Retirement Tip – Senior Discounts (ask Sandy Punch if we can reuse this tip)
 - Arlene to do web search for retirement tips
- In Memoriam – Bob Sheath
- Additional Article
 - Civil Rights Movement trip – Vivienne & Janet

Old Business

- Suggestions for board members for 2020-2021
 - There was discussion for board members to encourage retirees to put their hat in the ring to serve on the next board, especially staff retirees.
 - Pat will follow up with the following to see if they are still interested in serving:
 - Maureen DuPont (Faculty & Staff)
 - Dawn Schmid (Administration)
 - Pam Wells (Administration)
 - Michael Yee (Staff)
 - and two other retirees were suggested
 - Tanis Brown
 - Fox Russell
- **AROHE Webinar and Next Conference**
 - Arlene let the board know that the next AROHE Idea Exchange Webinar was being held on Tuesday, March 10 at 9:00 am. The webinar is entitled "UC Retirees: Advocates, Ambassadors, Assets" – A survey report that illustrates the value of retirees.
 - Arlene is confirmed to attend the AROHE Conference being held in Tempe, Arizona from October 18 – 20, 2020
- **Member Annual Report**
 - Lori distributed the Annual Report to the board. The annual report included the following:
 - 55% of membership signed up for Lifetime Member
 - 31% of members gave a gift to CSUSM
 - \$56,517 total amount given in 2019 by CSUSM Retirees Association members
 - 40% of members attended at least one event
 - After reviewing the annual report, the board asked to add the following:
 - go back to 2014 – breakdown of members (administrators/faculty/staff)
 - add descriptions to the photos
 - number of times the board meets a year
 - number of events RA hosted
 - communications: number of Tukwut Times Newsletters and monthly emails

- add the RA URL Website
- **Placeholder**
 - Arlene will contact Brooks and Marion to assist in planning a trip to Borrego Springs in November or December
 - The board wants to move forward to plan the Travel Speed Dating and Wine Event. Arlene will look for dates in January 2021 for available dates at the McMahan House

New Business

- **April 24, 2020 Annual Luncheon/Business Meeting**
 - Develop agenda
 - 11:00 am – Arlene arrives
 - 11:30 am – Guests arrive & socialize
 - 11:55 am – Pat Benson welcomes guests, brings attention to the surveys on the table & asks guests to fill them out, and then invites guests to start buffet
 - 12:30 pm – Pat convenes brief business meeting during dessert – Pat mentions Coronado Excursion on Sat., May 30 and the 3rd annual walk and lunch in Del Mar to be held on Monday, August
 - 12:40 pm – George comes to podium to introduce Dr. Harold Goldwhite – George also mentions joining ERFSA
 - 12:42 pm – Dr. Goldwhite speaks
 - 1:30 pm – Q & A with Dr. Goldwhite
 - 1:40 pm – Pat draws tickets for centerpieces
 - 1:45 pm – Event concludes
 - George updated the board on the speaker – he will pick up Dr. Goldwhite at the train station and take him back.
 - Interest Survey – combine with what we currently have that the board updated along with “Contributions of CSU Retired Faculty & Staff to their Campus” that the board edited – Arlene will update & send to board for approval
 - Caterer and menu selected: Brothers Signature Catering & Events – Greek menu
- **AROHE HERO Awards – Distinguished Service Award**
 - The board agreed to move forward to nominate Janet McDaniel for this award – nominations are due by Monday, April 13 – Lori will get the ball rolling
- **Introducing President Neufeld to the Retirees Association**
 - It was agreed to invite President Neufeld to be the guest speaker at the 2021 Retirees Annual Luncheon/Board Meeting. Lori will work with the President’s Office to secure a few dates.
- **Board of Directors**
 - Pat leaving as Chair – June 30
 - Bill leaving as Member at Large – has served his 2 terms of 2 years each
 - Vivienne will stay as Vice Chair
 - George – term is up June 30, 2021 (can stay on 2 more years)
 - Suzanne – term is up June 30, 2021 (can stay on 2 more years)

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Board of Directors Meeting continued

- Next Board Meetings – Location: Commons 207
 - **June meeting on Wednesday, June 24 from 11:30 am to 1:30 pm**

Meeting was adjourned at approximately 1:30 pm

Minutes submitted by Arlene Cratsa