



**CSUSM Retirees Association Board of Directors
Minutes from Monday, June 18, 2018
Commons 201 – 11:00 am to 1:00 pm**

Present:

Don Barrett, Vivienne Bennett, Pat Benson, Laurie Lindeneau, Janet McDaniel, Bill Ward, and Marcia Woolf

- Lori Brockett, Executive Director
- Arlene Cratsa, Retirees Association Coordinator
- Guest Presenter: Kyle Button

Chairs Report

Chair Janet McDaniel gave her last report as the Chair of the Retirees Association since her term is up on the board along with Don Barrett's. She welcomed new board members Vivienne Bennett and Pat Benson and thanked Don for his 4 years of service. The board in turn thanked Janet for her service as she was instrumental in launching the Retirees Association with Lori Brockett.

Janet introduced Kyle Button, AVP for Development, who gave an overview and update on the \$50 million comprehensive campaign. The campaign will be concluded at the end of the calendar year.

Highlights of Kyle's presentation:

- 36,000 gifts have been received
- Employee Giving Campaign doubled in size with 500+ employees now donating
- \$1 million raised to disburse for scholarships
- Veteran's Center to expand its structure due to a large donation
- The Alliance will launch an Ambassadors Program and will have 3 Alliance Ambassadors due to a large donation
- Faculty Development and Food Insecurity Program to benefit
- 1st Endowed Chair for the University for Management in Business
- Breakdown of funds raised: 62% of donations are cash; 32% deferred and 6% gift-in-kind

After Kyle's presentation on the campaign, the conversation turned to retirement workshops for pre- and post-retirees. Kyle agreed to be a part of a workshop. He will send topic ideas to Arlene that will be part of two workshops: one for almost retirees and the other for those already retired. It was agreed that the workshop would be held on a Saturday beginning at 9:30 am for registration and coffee. First workshop would go from 10:00 am to Noon with an hour break for lunch. The second workshop would start at 1:00 pm and conclude at 3:00 pm. Arlene will look into the availability of The McMahan House for a Saturday in August and report back to the board.

After Kyle's departure, the board began conducting regular business.

Coordinator's Report – Arlene Cratsa

- Membership Report: 107 members (59 Lifetime and 48 Annual)
- Financial Report: Balance as of 6/12/2018: \$13,723.97 (After deduction of annual luncheon meeting expenses, balance will be \$11,028.12)

Old Business

Election is concluded: Vivienne Bennett and Pat Benson elected to 2018/2020 term. The goal is to try to keep a balance of administrators, faculty and staff on the board.

Action Items

New BOD determined roles for 2018-2019

- Chair – Marcia Woolf
- Vice Chair – Vivienne Bennett
- Secretary – Laurie Lindeneau
- Treasurer – Pat Benson
- At Large – Bill Ward

Review/analysis of survey results from Annual Meeting

An interest survey was distributed at the April 20 Annual Luncheon/Business meeting. Twenty-two out of the 48 attendees completed the survey. The results are as follows:

“Check off any of the ideas that interest you.”

Advocacy for Retirees	8
Athletic Events	6
Campus Events	15
Community Events	12
Cultural/Arts Events	15
Pre-retirement assistance for current employees	8
Scholarship Support	5
Social Events	17
Travel Opportunities	15

“Ideas & Interest for specific RA organized/sponsored activities.”

Bicycling/Golf	3
Book Club	9
Exercise Classes	5
Hiking/Walking Excursions	14
Mindfulness/Meditation	7
Monthly Lunches	15
Painting/Drawing	6
Programs related to retirement: long-term care, caregiving, older adult living options, etc.	7
Sewing/Quilting/Knitting	1
Tai Chi/Yoga	7
Technology Classes – 1 specific request on how to organize photos in Mac	8
Travel expo/information/sharing	12

“Running for Board of Directors - Maybe another time.”

Donna Bearman, Tanis Brown, George Diehr, Brooks Reid, Fox Russell, Pat Stall and Pam Wells

“Written in comments/ideas”

- **Vivienne Bennett** – “Visit Midway plus lunch at Puesto at the HQ. Take ferry to Coronado, lunch at Ferry Landing, walk harbor & explore shops.”
- **Tanis Brown** – “Can help with most activities.”
- **Jose & Sella Clark** – “Plays, concerts & cybersecurity workshops.” Stella will help with Tuwkut Times articles.
- **Laurie Lindeneau** – “Walking food tour in Little Italy. Marston House Tour. Progressive breakfast, lunch tour. Garden Tours. SDG&E Idea House.”
- **Sandy Parsons** – “Genealogy. Willing to set up tour/lecture Cole Library Genealogy Collection in Carlsbad.” Sandy serves on the library board.
- **Brooks Reid** – Borrego Springs Excursion. Tour of North County Art Galleries & Museums

AROHE Conference – Who will go?

The conference will be held in Atlanta, GA from October 7 – 9 at Emory University.

Lori confirmed that Arlene will attend since she supports and provides consistency to the Retirees Board of Directors. It was determined that Marcia Woolf would attend as a representative of the BOD. The estimated cost to the Retirees Association is approximately \$1,574.

Upcoming 2018-2019 Programming

First programming event:

It was suggested to have a summer no-host mid-month lunch on **Monday, August 6** at The Poseidon in Del Mar (1670 Coast Blvd.). This would begin with an optional walk at 10:15 am and lunch at approximately 11:30 am. Those who want to walk would meet in front of The Poseidon at 10:15 am. Vivienne suggests everyone use valet parking for \$5 since it is not as expensive as regular parking. Arlene will send out an email in early July advertising this opportunity.

Programming discussion:

- Since the programming suggestions were in two different locations, Vivienne asked for them to be consolidated onto one spread sheet for easier reference. The BOD discussed the results of the Interest Survey
- Arlene will contact Gina Jones to see what Arts & Lectures events for the fall are available and forward the information to the BOD.
- Jackie Trischman – The Chemistry of Chocolate suggested by Janet
- Monthly Walks by RSVPs – monthly walks could be proposed by and alternated among Board members
 - Bill suggested doing “dog friendly walks” at Double Peak or Daley Ranch in Escondido in November / December
- Orfilia Winery suggested by Bill
- GIA Tour – Laurie will take the lead on this tour and lunch
- Provide service activity/workshop at least once a year
 - Have a list of topics that would be presented in advance
 - Good way to test it out would be the pre- and post-retirement workshop on a Saturday

- Arlene was charged with seeing when the McMahan House would be available in August (see page 1)

Tukwut Times

Next issue (Volume 3, Issue 1) content was discussed

Content Due Date: **Monday, July 23**

- Chair's Report – Marcia Woolf
- Recap of recent activities with photos – who will do write-ups
 - RA Annual Luncheon/Business Meeting – Bill
 - San Diego Botanical Garden & Solace – Janet (Done)
 - Life After CSUSM – Bill
- Member Profile
 - Michael Yee – Vivienne will contact Michael
 - Future issues or backup if Michael declines: Maureen Dupont
- Summer/Fall 2018 Calendar of Events – Arlene
- Do You Remember – “History of proposed Academic Structure” – Pat
- Retirement Tip - “Global Volunteers” – Janet (Done)

Next Board Meeting:

Wednesday, August 8 from 11:00 am to 1:00 pm in University Commons 207

Open Discussion

There was open conversation earlier in the meeting regarding PERS & Medicare

Minutes submitted by Arlene Cratsa, Retirees Association Coordinator