



**CSUSM Retirees Association Board of Directors
Minutes from Wednesday, November 6, 2019
Commons 207 – 1:00 pm to 3:00 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. She informed the board she will not be continuing as the chair for the Board of Directors and will not run again. Pat explained her volunteer commitments are keeping her extremely busy.

Coordinator's Report – Arlene Cratsa

- Membership Report: 125 members (72 Lifetime and 53 Annual)
 - Per the board's request, a column was added designating which members were administrators, faculty and staff.
 - The breakdown is as follows:
 - 30 Administrators
 - 57 Faculty
 - 35 Staff
 - 3 Friends of the RA
- Financial Report: Balance as of 10/23/2019: \$12,600
 - Last financial report balance was \$12,454 on 8/21/2019

Tukwut Times

- Next Issue Volume 3, Issue 7 (Dec/Jan) – Content due by Friday, Dec. 6
- Chairs Report – Pat
- Recap of recent activities with photos
 - Nov. 6 – "Life After CSUSM" – Arlene Cratsa will do write up
 - No photos will be included since participants did not want their photos taken
 - Dec. 7 – Coronado Excursions – Vivienne Bennett will do write up and get to Arlene the following week.
- Membership Profile
 - Administrators or Staff
 - Maureen Dupont declined at this time but is willing to write her member profile at a later date
 - Helen Montag – Arlene will look for her phone number to contact her since she has not emailed Pat back at this time
 - Candace Van Dall – Arlene to contact her to see if she's interested if Helen declines
 - Marcy Boyle – backup

- Spring 2020 Calendar of Events
 - January – no outing
 - Tuesday, February 13 – Oak Mountain Winery in Temecula – The Cave Café
 - Arrive 11:30 am – will mention this does not include a tour, only lunch
 - Wednesday, March 18 - Stone Brewery World Bistro & Garden
 - Optional tour at Noon
 - \$8 for tour with tasting
 - \$1 for tour only
 - Lunch at 1:00 pm
 - Friday, April 24 – Annual Luncheon/Business Meeting
 - Location: The McMahan House
 - Arrive: 11:30 am – event concludes at approximately 2:00 pm
 - Speaker: Harold Goldwhite from CSU-ERFSA – George Diehr to confirm with Harold and will have a backup in case he is not available
 - Friday, May 22
 - “Hattie McDaniel” by Jill Watt’s
 - Vivienne will draft an email asking Jill if she would be willing to do a talk on her book. The email will be signed by Vivienne and Pat
- Do You Remember – Pow Wow by Bonnie Biggs (Arlene will email Bonnie reminding her of the due date)
- Retirement Tip – How to protect passwords by Theresa Macklin
 - Bill will contact her again and Arlene will follow up with an email
- Additional Article
 - Twin Oaks Valley Boys – Lori will ask David Barsky if he would be willing to do a write-up. It was suggested that David and Richard Riehl could co-write the article
 - Retirees Class Notes – a new suggestion to start class notes mirrored after Alumni Class Notes. Arlene will ask Michelle Romans to send her the Alumni template and the template will be edited for retirees. The board will kick off this new addition to the Tukwut Times

Old Business

- Affinity groups – book club, hiking group, etc.
 - Travel Speed Dating (place on February 19, 2020 agenda to work out details)
 - The board discussed selecting three to five people to showcase their favorite vacation to include photos and possibly select a wine from the location.
 - Having it on campus was brought up but there are regulations about bringing wine onto campus. It was suggested having this event at someone’s home.
 - The concept would be for attendees to have 5 or 10 minutes to hear about each vacation, see photos and sample wine.
 - This will be added to the interest survey that will be distributed at the April Annual Lunch/Business meeting to see who would like to participate.

New Business

- **AROHE Webinar and Next Conference**
 - Pat encouraged the board to listen to the AROHE Webinar. The link was sent to board members. Vivienne discussed the importance of documenting what the retirees do for the University. It was suggested a survey be distributed at the April Annual Lunch/Business asking attendees to check off how they have continued to be involved with the University

- **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