

UMAR

The University of Memphis Association of Retirees
Minutes of the Executive Committee Meeting
November 10, 2009

Present: Bob Boone, David Ciscel, Bill Crump, Susanne Darnell, Frank Dyer, Ryan Jones, Jim Lippy, Joanne Lippy, Bob Marchini, Janet Mitchell, Mary Ellen Pitts, Janell Rudolph, Noel Schwartz

Absent: Delano Black, Bob Deininger

The meeting commenced at 9:02 a.m.

Minutes: The minutes of the October meeting were approved as presented.

Finance Report: Joanne Lippy reported the balance in the operating account as \$4,592.58 and the balance in the scholarship fund as \$17,954.40.

Caring Report: Frank Dyer reported the following deaths over the past two months: Camille Greenwald, Jeanne Dreifus, Ocie Mae Blaylock Woods, Naseeb Shaheen, Wynonia Fitzgerald, Dr. John Johnson, Jr., Earnest Easterly III, and Loretta Dyer Floyd.

Nominating Report: David Ciscel gave the report of the nominating committee (David Ciscel, Frank Dyer, Delano Black, Noel Schwartz). After some discussion an amended **motion** was made and **passed** to accept the following slate of officers/representatives to begin July 1, 2010: President-Susanne Darnell, President Elect-Mary Ellen Pitts, Secretary-Janet Mitchell, Treasurer-David Ciscel, Faculty Representative-Cecil Rousseau, Staff Representative (for remainder of Janet Mitchell's term)-Mary Haddock. Candidates for the open Staff Representative position will be contacted by David Ciscel.

Holiday Luncheon: Mary Ellen Pitts reported that all is in order for the luncheon on December 1st.

Silent Auction: Jim and Joanne Lippy reminded the Board that they need to have a listing of the item(s) being donated, a retail price, and a suggested starting bid. If a beginning bid is not indicated, the bidding will start at 25% of the retail price. Jim will be at the Alumni Center at 10:00 a.m. on Wednesday, Nov. 25th, to receive the items, or the items may be brought to the luncheon. However, the name/description of the item, its estimated retail value, and starting bid information is needed prior to Thanksgiving.

Scholarship Selection: Bob Boone reported the recipient of this year's scholarship is Jessica Voyles, whose father works in Engineering Technology. Ms. Voyles and her parents will be at the luncheon.

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Traces Award- Susanne Darnell reported that the Traces Award Committee chaired by Dot Arata has made its selection and prefers to keep it a secret until the luncheon.

Contacting Members: Susanne Darnell passed around a listing of all UMAR members, asking the Board to indicate which ones they would call to encourage attendance at the Holiday Luncheon.

Staff Senate: No report.

Faculty Senate: David Ciscel reported on the latest Faculty Senate meeting. A good portion of the time was devoted to the issue of the University's place in Higher Education in the State.

University's 100th anniversary: Susanne Darnell has been in contact with faculty members writing a history of the University. They were excited that UMAR would be able to contribute information fostering an "institutional memory."

Faculty Convocation: Susanne Darnell reported that the Faculty Convocation is set for April 23, 2010, with the possibility of it being held at the Law School's new location. She also reported that there would be a luncheon for retired faculty and a luncheon for retired staff. Janelle Rudolph reminded the Board that volunteers would be needed to staff the Faculty Scholarship Display in the Rotunda of the Library. The display is held the week prior to the Faculty Convocation.

Fall Programs: Bill Crump reminded the Board of upcoming programs: **Nov. 12**-Pink Palace; **Nov. 24**-Book Discussion; **Dec. 1**-Holiday Luncheon; **Dec. 9**-Calvary Concert; Law School visit in **late Jan./early Feb.**; **Feb. 11**-dinner and *Pippin*.

THERA Meeting: Mary Ellen Pitts, Susanne Darnell and Bill Crump reported an informative experience at the THERA meeting. They also indicated that UMAR looked very good compared to other retiree groups in attendance.

The meeting concluded at 10:14 a.m.

Jim Lippy
Secretary

The next meeting is Tuesday, December 8th, 9:00 a.m., in the Alumni Center.

ADDENDUM

Annual Holiday Luncheon Minutes of the Business Meeting December 1, 2009

- Susanne Darnell welcomed everyone.
- Janell Rudolph gave the Invocation.
- During lunch, the Chamber Choir of the University of Memphis performed under the direction of Dr. Lawrence Edwards.
- President Raines' remarks centered on thanks to UMAR members for establishing the foundation upon which the University can build and go forward. She also gave a brief description of the six goals the University has established and offered some statistics for the current school year.
- Dot Arata, chair of the Traces Award Committee, gave a brief history of the award and presented Robert "Bob" Yates with the Traces Award for 2009. Bob gave brief and heartfelt thanks.
- Bob Boone introduced Jessica Dawn Voyles, this year's scholarship awardee. She was accompanied by her parents at the luncheon. Jessica gave brief and emotional thanks to UMAR for the scholarship.
- David Ciscel, chair of the Nominating Committee, gave his report: President, Susanne Darnell; President-Elect, Mary Ellen Pitts; Treasurer, David Ciscel; Secretary, Janet Mitchell; Members-at-Large Class of 2012: Staff, Ginny Reed; Faculty, Cecil Rousseau; Member-at-Large Class of 2011 (replacement): Staff, Mary Haddock. A **motion** was made and **passed** that the slate of officers be accepted as presented.
- Susanne Darnell outlined the goals UMAR has established for the current year, with special thanks to the Alumni Association and Ryan Jones.
- Bill Crump outlined upcoming social events for UMAR.