

UMAR

The University of Memphis Association of Retirees
Minutes of the Executive Committee Meeting
February 8, 2011

Present: Bob Boone, David Ciscel, Bill Crump, Susanne Darnell, Mary Haddock, Bob Marchini, Janet Mitchell, Mary Ellen Pitts, Virginia Reed, Cecil Rousseau, Janell Rudolph, Connie Thiemonge

Absent: Sheryl Maxwell, Ben Peeples

Guest: Kelly Davis, Director of Development

The meeting commenced at 9:00 a.m.

Minutes: The minutes were approved, as presented, with one correction. Janell Rudolph needed to be added to the list of those absent.

Finance Report: Financial statement was distributed and is attached to these minutes. Members agreed to accept the figures for the Coffee and Conversation as final. There were questions concerning some of the figures on the statement. However, financial statement was accepted, but D. Ciscel will work with C. Thiemonge and J. Marino to finalize with corrected numbers.

Caring: M. Haddock reported that a thank you card had been sent to B. Peeples for his memorial for Dan Murrell. Also, sympathy card had been sent to family of Sid Daniel on her death. **Motion** was made and **approved** for honorarium of \$25.00 for Sid Daniel to be placed in scholarship funds.

Faculty Senate and Staff Senate: No report on Faculty Senate. G. Reed reported that she will attend the next Staff Senate meeting to briefly inform them about UMAR.

There was a suggestion to invite Kevin Roper, Executive Assistant to President-Legislative Affairs, to meet with UMAR to discuss legislative issues concerning retirees.

Letter from Lewis O'Kelly: S. Darnell read letter from Lewis O'Kelly, 2010 Traces Award Recipient, on his appreciation for the award and why he was unable to attend Holiday Luncheon to receive the award.

Holiday Luncheon 2011: Committee composed of Diane Cooper, J. Mitchell, C. Thiemonge, and chaired by Sheryl Maxwell met in January. J. Mitchell distributed handout of rough outline and other ideas on **holiday brunch**. Plans were met with approval by members of Executive Committee. S. Darnell made a correction to the basic

agenda to include approximately 10 minutes for General Business meeting. Copy of handout is attached to these minutes.

Scholarship Endowment Committee: B. Boone and others on Scholarship Committee had met recently to discuss ways to improve scholarship process. In brief, these ways included:

- moving up the selection process into spring instead of fall. Application process has started with recipient being selected by April 1.
- having personally signed letters by committee to applicants;
- updating previous scholarship brochure;
- making personal calls to contact current faculty and staff concerning scholarship;
- expanding silent auction; and
- placing article on the scholarship in UMAR newsletter.

Kelly Davis, Director of Development, explained the amount needed for endowment of the scholarship and how that amount was reached. The baseline figure for endowment is \$30,000. The amount that has been raised is approximately \$25,000 with \$5,000 having been awarded in scholarships. The market value for the scholarship is higher than the principal. The principal amount of the scholarship is now at approximately \$20,000.

There was a discussion on having a new category of membership to UMAR called *Friends of UMAR*. *Friends* would be eligible to join and attend events. A list was passed around with possible names for inclusion in this category. M. Pitts made suggestion that this membership category needed to be defined and bylaws amended. B. Crump will work with Bob Yates to draft a proposal for this new category.

Centennial Event Planning Committee: Notes from January 18 meeting were distributed and discussed by S. Darnell. A focus to the centennial event is to socialize and have attendees reconnect to University. A copy of the notes is attached to these minutes. M. Pitts will work to get oral histories from key persons.

Programs: Bill Crump discussed the numerous events to take place in the coming months. C. Thiemonge will update the event schedule on the UMAR website and mail a copy of the new list to the Executive Committee members.

Politics of the Veil by Scott J. Wallach is the next book for the book club meeting held on March 22 at Brother Juniper's.

The meeting concluded at 10:33 a.m.

Janet Mitchell, Secretary

The next meeting is scheduled for 9:00 a.m., Tuesday, March 8, 2011, Alumni Center.