

## UMAR

The University of Memphis Association of Retirees  
Minutes of the Executive Committee Meeting  
April 12, 2011

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

**Guest:** Barbara Mullins Nelson, Professor, Center for the Study of Higher Education

The meeting commenced at 9:10 a.m.

**Presentation:** Barbara Mullins Nelson presented information on the Fayette Unlimited Lifelong Learners and of the types of courses and activities that are available. She also discussed how courses might be developed for the FULL.

**Minutes: Motion** was made and passed to approve the minutes with corrections. Mary McLarty will serve liaison to Heritage Room instead of Bert Merrill. Corrections also will be made to information concerning Scholarship Committee.

**Finance:** David Ciscel distributed a copy of the financial statement, showing account balance of \$3,281.27. **Motion** was made and passed to approve financial statement as submitted.

**Caring:** Mary Haddock reported that no cards had been mailed during the last month. She will mail cards for the passing of Jane Hooker's husband and also for Angela Edwards. S. Darnell encouraged those who received information on the illness or death of an individual to report it to M. Haddock.

**Faculty Senate:** Cecil Rousseau attended Faculty Senate meeting where new email system was discussed. New system will go live in June. UMAR members who use the University's email system must renew in December.

**Staff Senate:** Ginny Reed attended recent Staff Senate meeting where new email system was also discussed. G. Reed presented to the senate information on the scholarship provided by UMAR.

**Scholarship:** Bob Boone reported that the deadline for submission of application for scholarship was Monday, April 1. Several applications had been received with selection of the recipient being made by the last week in April. There was a suggestion to send scholarship information to the Faculty and Staff Senate presidents in the future.

Bob Boone, Susanne Darnell, Bob Marchini, and a member of the University of Memphis Foundation serve on the selection committee.

**Faculty Convocation:** Faculty Convocation was held early this year with a number of UMAR members participating in the event. There were also a number of UMAR members volunteering to work the display in the library. Janell Rudolph serves as chair of the Friends of the Library.

Tom Fagan was this year's Eminent Faculty Award recipient. Mary Ellen Pitts will contact Dr. Fagan concerning speaking at the Coffee and Conversation event on September 13.

**Retirement Seminar:** S. Darnell reported that Kate Simms had contacted her regarding UMAR participation at the retirement seminar to be held on April 26. UMAR will have a table with newsletters, brochures, and applications for memberships. David Ciscel suggested that the UMAR table be located outside the meeting room. There will be a slideshow running on the table showing pictures of UMAR events.

**Newsletter:** J. Rudolph reported that the spring issue of the newsletter was finished and would be emailed to all 940 retirees.

**Heritage Room Liaison:** Mary McLarty has agreed to serve as the liaison for UMAR to the Heritage Room, replacing Ben Peeples.

**Historical Photos:** Connie Thiemonge had prepared a slideshow of historical photographs which members could view after the meeting.

**Centennial Event Facilities/Logistics Committee:** Sheryl Maxwell reported that the committee had met and offered up for a vote the date and location for the centennial event to be held. **Motion** was made and approved for the event to be held on Thursday, April 19. **Motion** was also made and approved to hold the event in the University Center with parking included in the price to the individual. The target group for the event will be all of the 940 retired faculty and staff members. C. Thiemonge will make reservations for the rooms in the UC.

**Change to By-Laws: New Membership Category Proposal:** A proposal for a new membership category to the bylaws was made for those friends of the University who are not retirees but who wanted to be members of UMAR. There were three proposals on the wording to change the bylaws presented. After much discussion, a **motion** was made and approved for the word, *Affiliate*, to be used for the new category of membership. A **motion** was made and approved for the following paragraph to be added to the bylaws:

*Affiliate membership can be granted to persons who are not retirees from the University. Nominations for affiliate membership in UMAR may be presented to the Executive Committee. Persons approved by the Executive Committee will become UMAR members upon payment of annual dues.*

Final voting on the change to the bylaws will be made by the entire membership at the general business meeting held in December.

**Programs:** Bill Crump presented the upcoming events in future months. There was some discussion on why the events are not well attended. C. Thiemonge will send out a survey and ask why events are not being well attended and ask for suggestions for activities.

The meeting concluded at 11:05 a.m.

Janet Mitchell, Secretary

**Next meeting is scheduled for Tuesday, May 10, 2011, 9:00 a.m., Alumni Center.**