

UMAR

The University of Memphis Association of Retirees
Minutes of the Executive Committee Meeting
May 10, 2011

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

Absent: None

The meeting commenced at 9:03 a.m.

Minutes: **Motion** was made and passed to approve the minutes with one correction. Change the reading of the new bylaw from *constituency* to *affiliate*.

Finance: D. Ciscel distributed a copy of the financial statement, showing account balance of \$3517.47. **Motion** was made and passed to approve financial statement as submitted.

C. Thiemonge reported that Tammy Hedges had made a proposal for the 2011-2012 UMAR budget to have \$1800.00 instead of \$1300.00 as a stipend. The budget proposal has not been approved as yet.

Caring: M. Haddock reported that she would mail sympathy cards to the families of Charles O'Bryant and Mars Pertl. A **motion** was made and approved for honorarium of \$25.00 for the spouse of Jane Hooker to be placed in scholarship funds.

Faculty Senate: No report.

Staff Senate: G. Reed attended Senate meeting and reported:

1. Staff Appreciation Day would be Wednesday, May 18, 10:30 a.m.- 2:00 p.m.
2. To help employees, the University would split deductions into two checks instead of all the deductions taken from one check.
3. There was an issue discussed concerning free parking in the garage during events held on campus versus those who pay to park in the garage.

Scholarship: B. Boone reported that a brief meeting, consisting of Boone, Darnell, Marchini, and Kelly Davis, had been held. Out of 4 candidates, a recipient had been selected. Selection had been made in time for the scholarship to be awarded for the fall semester.

Retirement Seminar: S. Darnell reported that the seminar, held on April 26, had a large attendance. Darnell spoke to the attendees about UMAR and left a number of brochures.

Heritage Room Liaison: S. Darnell stated that Mary McLarty will be unable to assist and asked for suggestions on who might be able to fill this critical position. The position was explained. The Heritage Room is under Ed Frank's supervision.

Centennial Event Facilities/Logistics Committee: S. Maxwell reported that reservations had been made in the University Center for the event on April 19. There could be possible charges for the rooms but C. Thiemonge is working on getting the charges waived. C. Thiemonge will get the event into the Alumni Association master centennial calendar. S. Darnell will ask the President and Provost to attend on April 19.

Program Planning: B. Crump expressed his concern on the low attendance at the events. There was some discussion on why people might not be attending and possible solutions. Crump and C. Thiemonge will develop a survey to distribute to members on events and attendance.

Programs: B. Crump distributed a list and explained the numerous events to take place in the coming months. All scheduled events are also located on the UMAR website. The next event will be the annual picnic at *Plum Nelly* with D. Ciscel selling raffle tickets to the donated items.

The meeting concluded at 10:25 a.m.

Janet Mitchell, Secretary

The next meeting is scheduled for Tuesday, June 14, 2011, 9:00 a.m., Alumni Center.