

UMAR

The University of Memphis Association of Retirees
Minutes of the Executive Committee Meeting
January 11, 2011

Present: David Ciscel, Susanne Darnell, Bob Marchini, Sheryl Maxwell, Janet Mitchell, Virginia Reed, Connie Thiemonge

Absent: Bob Boone, Bill Crump, Mary Haddock, Ben Peeples, Mary Ellen Pitts, Cecil Rousseau

The meeting commenced at 9:14 a.m.

Minutes: The minutes were approved, as presented.

University Planning for the Centennial: Bobby Prince, Associate Vice President for Development, discussed several initiatives underway:

1. Jan Sherman and Beverly Bond are writing coffee table book on Centennial. Funds are being raised to cover cost of book. Of the \$55,000 needed, \$44,000 has been raised.
2. The formal kick-off for the Centennial will be Friday, September 30. Members of the Rudi E. Sheidt School of Music will present a concert at the Canon Center.
3. Capital campaign, *Empowering the Dream*, will also be launched on September 30. Goal of the campaign will be \$250,000,000.
4. *Tigers Around Town*
 - Different tiger statues will be placed around the city.
 - A bronze tiger will be placed on campus. Three finalists have been selected for the position to sculpt bronze tiger.
5. Centennial signage will be placed around campus. Bob Eoff will place “centennial minutes” on TV and website.
6. Painter has been commissioned to paint portrait of Andrew Concannon, past president of University. Concannon is the only past president without portrait.

Centennial committee, composed on Bobby Prince, Bob Eoff, and Linda Bonnin, meet on a regular basis. Their goals are for as much campus visibility as possible and for a renewed commitment to the University by the public.

Other possible initiatives:

- Create time capsule. Capsule to be placed inside bronze tiger sculpture.
- Bring in more historical information to Heritage Room.
- Bring back prominent alumni to campus.
- Place banners on MATA buses.
- Place UofM logo on bags at Schnuck's and other locations.
- Have opportunities for alumni to visit campus.
- Have recognition opportunities on campus.

Susanne Darnell suggested that UMAR could possibly help with campus tours during centennial. Also, S. Darnell informed B. Prince of event being planned by UMAR that would connect with retirees and celebrate accomplishments of retired faculty and staff. She also informed him of the goal of UMAR to complete endowment of UMAR scholarship.

Finance: Financial statement was distributed. Since there were still questions about expenses regarding holiday luncheon and scholarship revenues, David Ciscel and C. Thiemonge will work with Jenna Marino to finalize figures associated with luncheon. S. Darnell requested that figures for Coffee and Conversation event should also be finalized. A suggestion was made to have Financial Statements dated in the future.

Caring: Motion was made and **approved** for honorarium of \$25.00 for Sara Muskelley to be placed in scholarship funds.

Faculty Senate and Staff Senate: No reports.

Holiday Luncheon 2011: S. Maxwell proposed changes to holiday gathering. Changes included having brunch instead of lunch and moving location from Holiday Inn to University Center. There were conflicts with dates of December 1 and 6. It was suggested to check on the date of December 8 with President Raines' calendar. A **motion** was made and **passed** to move location to the University Center. S. Maxwell will work on additional details for gathering and report back to Executive Committee.

Membership: S. Maxwell suggested that Executive Committee members contact at least 10 people.

Scholarship: No report.

Centennial Event Planning Committee: Meeting date scheduled for 9:00 a.m., Tuesday, January 18, in Alumni Center. Committee to be composed of S. Darnell, D. Ciscel, B. Marchini, J. Mitchell, D. Cooper, and V. Reed. J. Mitchell will send out notes from last meeting.

Programs:

January 25 – Book Club – Wicked River

January 27 - Stax Museum, Four-way Grill, tour LeMoyne-Owen College

February 10 – Valentine Dinner and *Midsummer Night's Dream* at Playhouse on Square

The meeting concluded at 10:40 a.m.

Janet Mitchell, Secretary

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