

## UMAR

The University of Memphis Association of Retirees  
Minutes of the Executive Committee Meeting  
Alumni Center, April 10, 2007

Present: Butch Alford, Delano Black, David Ciscel, Bill Crump, Susanne Darnell, Frank Dyer, Jim Lippy, Joanne Lippy, Mary Ellen Pitts, Les Pourciau, Janell Rudolph, Bob Yates, Kelly Daniels (Liaison)

Absent: Bob Boone, Tom Caplinger, Rita Richardson

The meeting commenced at 9:05 a.m.

**Minutes:** The minutes of the March 13, 2007 meeting were approved as submitted.

**Treasurer's Report:** No report

**Newsletter:** Janell Rudolph indicated there is still room for some additional travel articles. The deadline is May 1st.

**Sunshine Report:** Joanne Lippy reported the death of Dr. Lucille Golightly, a long time faculty member at the University and former chair of the Home Economics Department.

**Programs:** Bill Crump reported on a number of issues: Twenty-four individuals have signed up for the opera/dinner evening; the annual picnic is scheduled for May 20th at Meeman - a discussion was held concerning having a pot-luck, raffle items and music. A flier will be mailed out shortly; twenty-eight members attended the Spring Mix and Match; a zoo day is planned for June; coffee and conversation at President Raines' home is scheduled for September; a downtown noon time concert is scheduled for October; a Tunica museum tour is scheduled for November; the annual Christmas luncheon is scheduled for December.

**Leisure Reading Report:** Mary Ellen Pitts opened the floor for discussion concerning a suggested forum, **Healthcare Challenges for Retirees**, with four segments: 1. The Economics of Senior Healthcare: Cyril Chang; 2. Negotiating the Prescription Drug Maze: Nursing professor; 3. Ensuring Adequate Care-The Need for Awareness: Nursing professor or Mary Ellen will discuss *Second Opinions*, by Jerome Groopman, M.D.; 4. Alternatives for Long-Term Care: Jason Peoples. After discussion, the Board encouraged Mary Ellen to consider expanding the Forum to an all-day session and to meet with the University's Human Resources department to form a combined effort in presenting the forum.

**Membership:** Butch Alford reported that the UMAR tri-fold flier has been updated, indicating a free one-year membership for new retirees and an indication of the web site.

**UMAR Website:** No decision has been made as to who will house the web site. The San Diego State University Retiree web site may be used as a model for UMAR.

**Volunteerism:** Susanne Darnell and Delano Black plan on meeting with all the Deans to offer the volunteer efforts of UMAR.

**Chicago Trip:** Frank Dyer reported the approximate cost for the trip is \$750/per person using Amtrak. An early October date is being looked at for the date. This is still a work in progress.

**Other Business:** A lively discussion ensued concerning the pros and cons of first class postage rates for 150 members and the bulk mailing rate and work involved for 700 on the mailing list.

The meeting concluded at 10:22 a.m.

Jim Lippy  
Secretary

**Next Meeting is May 8th.**