

UMAR

The University of Memphis Association of Retirees
Minutes of the Executive Committee Meeting
Alumni Center, January 9, 2007

Present: Butch Alford, Delano Black, Tom Caplinger, David Ciscel, Bill Crump, Susanne Darnell, Frank Dyer, Jim Lippy, Joanne Lippy, Mary Ellen Pitts, Rita Richardson, Janell Rudolph

Absent: Bob Boone, Bob Yates

President's Report: President Black convened the meeting at 9:03 a.m. The minutes of the December 12, 2006 meeting were approved with change. President Black introduced U of M liason Kelly Daniels who will be temporarily working with the association.

Constitutional Amendments: The Board was reminded that with the approval of the amendments to the constitution, the current term of officers commenced on January 1, 2007 and will end on June 30th, 2008. Afterward, the term of office will be in line with the University's fiscal year July 1-June 30.

Treasurer's Report: The account balance as of January 2007 is \$1,929.36. The Christmas Luncheon netted +\$98.30. Any Board member needing to see a full copy of the financial report may e-mail Rita Richardson to request a copy.

Newsletter: A discussion was held relative to the cumulative location for copies of Board minutes, "History of Emeriti...", and all related documents. A zip disc was given to Janelle Rudolph who will be able to research and see what materials are contained therein. Also, Kelly indicated she would contact Everlena about any additional documents. Janelle Rudolph reminded the Board to submit to her any articles (with photos, if possible) about the various travels of the Board. The April Newsletter will have space devoted to Board members' travels. Information needs to be submitted to Janelle in March.

Sunshine Report: Joanne Lippy reported two deaths: Dr. Virginia Lee Johnson (non member of UMAR) and Dr. Betty Hill, a UMAR member. A motion was made and passed to transfer \$25 from the UMAR account to the Scholarship fund in memory of Dr. Hill.

Programs: Bill Crump presented the following programs:
Feb. 15th, Dinner at La Tourelle \$25 plus tax and tip=\$32.23; Playhouse on the Square "Cat on a Hot Tin Roof"-\$15. Total for evening-\$47.23. **Board recommended Bill to set it up.**

March 20th- Mix and Match of four events- Visit to Bridges, Rabbi Micah Greenstein at Calvary Episcopal, Calvary Waffle Shop Lunch, Gibson Guitar Factory. **Board recommended Bill to pursue the event.**

March 28th-Arkansas Trip- Depart University at 7 a.m.; Arrive Mt. View at 10:30 a.m.; Walk about Square; Lunch at Garage with Speaker; Travel to Calico Rock; Travel to Evening Shade; Arrive Memphis 7:00p.m. A fee of \$60/person was recommended which included the bus fare, lunch, Juice and Danish, Wine and Cheese. **Board recommended pursuing the event.**

April 13th- "Die Fledermaus"- Dinner at University Holiday Inn- \$22; Lecture by Dr. Janet Page, prior to the opera; Opera--\$7. Total cost-\$29/per person. **Board recommended going ahead with the event.**

A date of May 20th was selected for the annual picnic.

Membership- a discussion was held concerning various ideas on increasing membership and the importance of personal contacts, programming and Human Resources. President Black will meet with the committee. The Board was also reminded of two monthly events-a breakfast at Shoney's (Sycamore View and Summer) at 9 a.m. the first Tuesday of each month, and a luncheon on the third Thursday of each month (locations vary-contact Dot Arata for location).

Questionnaire Responses- Approximately 40 have been received- discussion as to contents was put off until the February meeting.

Proposal for Leisure Reading- Mary Ellen Pitts submitted a proposal which would hopefully draw in additional retirees, reach out to the community, and involve other institutions of higher education. Mary Ellen indicated that hopefully a few reading sessions would be held this spring. The Board strongly endorsed the concept.

Website-a short discussion was held with agreement that a UMAR website needs to be linked to the University web site and should be handled by an expert. President Black will discuss the issue with President Raines.

Next Meeting- February 13.

Meeting adjourned at 10:20 a.m.

Jim Lippy, Secretary.