

UMAR

The University of Memphis Association of Retirees
Minutes of the Executive Committee Meeting
Alumni Center, September 11, 2007

Present: Butch Alford, Delano Black, Bob Boone, David Ciscel, Bill Crump, Susanne Darnell, Jim Lippy, Mary Ellen Pitts, Les Pourciau, Rita Richardson, Janell Rudolph, Bob Yates

Absent: Tom Caplinger, Frank Dyer, Joanne Lippy

The meeting commenced at 9:07 a.m.

Minutes: The minutes were approved as presented.

Treasurer's Report: Rita Richardson handed out a UMAR account summary as of 09-07-2007. The balance in the account is \$2,551.29. Rita indicated that there is still an outstanding bill of approximately \$300 which is not reflected in the report.

Newsletter: Janelle Rudolph informed the Board that the latest newsletter is now on the UMAR Website. She also indicated that copies of the newsletter were sent only to the membership, and an additional 40 copies were sent to the UMAR mailing address in order to reach the minimum 200 copies needed for bulk mailing.

Caring Report: Jim Lippy indicated that there were no deaths to report. Also, a congratulatory card was sent to Doug Mayo and his wife on the celebration of their 65th wedding anniversary. Jim asked for a volunteer to check the CA death notices while he and Joanne are away on a trip. Bob Boone volunteered.

Programs: The Board was reminded of the Coffee and Conversation to be held at the home of President Raines. Sojourner Selmon passed out a list of those attending. It was also noted that invitations were only sent to current paid and lifetime members of UMAR. The list had 41 names, including the guest speaker and two staff members.

Bill Crump outlined the following upcoming events: Oct. 19th - Balmoral Presbyterian Church, 7:00 p.m., a presentation by acclaimed storyteller David Davis; there is a possibility of having dinner at Formosa prior to the event. Nov. 28th - Calvary noontime concert, preceded by a tour of St. Jude's. The Oxford trip has been postponed until Spring. David Ciscel reminded the Board about the December 13th luncheon. Approval was given to pay the entertainment \$100. Election of officers will be held at the Dec. 13th luncheon; however, terms of office begin July 1, 2008. David indicated there would also be an information meeting prior to the noon luncheon. Details will follow. A **motion** was made and **passed** that each Board member be assessed at least one item for the Silent Auction.

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Leisure Reading Report: Mary Ellen Pitts reported that the Health Forum will be held on November 10th. Cyril Chang will not be available for the event. Discussion centered on various substitutes and ideas for the forum.

Membership: No formal report. There are additional copies of the UMAR brochure at Human Resources; more copies will need to be printed for the annual pre-retirement seminar held on campus in the spring.

Website: Those involved in any upcoming events were asked to write up information and e-mail to Rita for inclusion on the Website.

Volunteerism: Susanne Darnell indicated discussions are being held with various Deans, regarding UMAR holding a monthly meeting at the Dean's location, or having the Dean attend a UMAR meeting at the Alumni Center.

Heritage Room: Les Pourciau indicated the GA will be back again in the Heritage Room this school year.

UMAR Scholarship: The current balance is \$10,738.03 less the \$500 scholarship.

Old Business: Delano Black passed out the lists of retirees who showed interest in touring various areas of the campus. Several Board members will coordinate the various tours.

New Business: Copies of the daily Helmsman were passed out with reference to the article about Charlene and Bill DeLoach and their health benefits falling short. A brief discussion followed on how UMAR could offer assistance.

The meeting concluded at 10:27 a.m.

Jim Lippy
Secretary

The next meeting is scheduled for October 9th.