

UMAR

The University of Memphis Association of Retirees
Minutes of the Executive Committee Meeting
April 14, 2009

Present: Delano Black, David Ciscel, Bill Crump, Susanne Darnell, Bob Deininger, Ryan Jones, Jim Lippy, Joanne Lippy, Bob Marchini, Mary Ellen Pitts, Janell Rudolph, Noel Schwartz

Absent: Bob Boone, Frank Dyer

The meeting commenced at 9:06 a.m.

Minutes: The minutes were approved as presented.

Finance Report: Joanne Lippy distributed a complete recap of UMAR's income and expenditures for the current fiscal year. We have a balance of \$4,359.08 in the UMAR account and \$16,525.32 in the scholarship fund. The \$1,000 scholarship has been deducted from the amount indicated. Joanne indicated that she will work with Jennah Morino to redo the report so we only have a recap shown rather than the entire fiscal year's activity.

Caring Report: No losses to report.

Spring Programs: Bill Crump reminded the Board of the Spring Programs. The Dinner and Theatre on **Friday, April 17**, thus far has seven attendees. The annual picnic will be on **Sunday, May 17**, at Agnes Stark's facility. There will be a raffle and the Board was requested to bring the raffle items to the picnic; David Ciscel will arrange the musical entertainment; UMAR will provide fried chicken, paper products and drinks; Board members will supplement with pot luck items. The raffle monies will supplement the overall expenses of the picnic. **Tuesday, June 16**, is the Mix and Match event, starting at the Clark Opera Center, followed by lunch at Villa Castriani and ending with a presentation by Melissa Peterson at the Agricultural Extension Office of UT/TSU.

Coffee and Conversation: No new information.

Holiday Luncheon: No new information.

Newsletter: Janell Rudolph requested feedback from the Board as to what type of information they would like to see in the next newsletter. Among the suggestions were: travel articles by Board members and a listing of new retirees. The travel articles need to

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submitted by the end of May. Janell also reminded the Board any every communication with members should have the website address to remind people to read the newsletter.

Convocation: David Ciscel and Susanne Darnell have been invited to the Faculty Convocation.

Retirees Seminar: Susanne Darnell attended the University's retirees' seminar and invited prospective retirees to join UMAR. Amanda Clarkson, UM Human Resources, suggested that the UMAR seminar would have a better effect if presented in the Spring rather than the Fall. A discussion followed concerning ways to contact new retirees about UMAR.

UMAR Scholarship: David Ciscel and Bob Boone are working with Kelly on a fundraising letter.

Sculpture: Delano Black passed around a sketch of the proposed bronze sculpture to be presented to President Raines for the President's home. After considerable discussion, it was decided that emphasis should be placed on raising money for the scholarship fund rather than \$6,000 for the sculpture. The committee will be dissolved and the project placed on hold.

The meeting concluded at 10:09 a.m.

Jim Lippy Secretary

The next meeting is scheduled for May 12th, 9:00 a.m., at the Alumni Center.