

UMSL Retirees Association**Board of Directors Meeting****June 17, 2021****Minutes****Glen Echo Country Club**

Attending: Sue Baber, Lol Barton, Dave Ganz, Dave Garin, Kathie Haywood (President-elect), Clark Hickman (President), Debbie Kettler, Mike Murray (Past-President), Brenda Shannon-Simms, Helene Sherman (Secretary), Steve Spaner (Treasurer), Zuleyma Tang-Martinez.

Clark Hickman called the meeting to order at 10:35 am.

I. Minutes: The April 16, 2021 minutes were approved as distributed.

II. Treasurer's Report (Steve Spaner)

The complete treasurer's report was sent to the Board members prior to the June 17, 2021 business meeting. The RA account balance was \$13,465.09. Steve reported, at the current meeting, that there has been an increase in chapter funds because more retirees are choosing the lifetime membership option when paying their dues.

III. Committee Reports:

A. Communications - Sue Baber, Chair

Sue reported that there is no updated information at this time. The chapter published a fall and spring newsletter plus special pieces, such as those written by Clark Hickman. The newsletter website is <https://www.umsl.edu/retirees/files/pdfs/spring-2021-ra-newsletter.pdf>.

Clark stated that he is proud of the newsletter and that it prints out well. He also asked Board members to contribute photos, personal events and any other information which contributors thought would be of interest. to the newsletter.

B. Membership: Melissa Hattman, Chair

There is no report at this time. A committee meeting is scheduled for later this summer.

C. Planning and Events Committee - Debbie Kettler, Chair

Debbie reported that 90 retirees reserved seating for the June Annual meeting. The Chancellor agreed to fund 96 lunches.

A variety of suggestions were made by Board members for future events and tours. They include visits to Arch, local wineries, the Art Museum, History Museum, Federal Reserve, bowling, the Mushroom Farm and the St. Louis Library. No decisions were made as yet given the uncertainties of the pandemic. Zuleyma is considering the feasibility of, at some point,

presenting a webinar on Peru, highlighting ancient civilizations. Patty Parker will be the speaker and present a slide show program about Galapagos Island research.

The 2021 holiday luncheon is scheduled for Friday, December 10, 2021. A Board meeting will precede the luncheon. Members discussed the possibility of charging retirees \$25.00 for the lunch, depending on the cost of the meals. Clark recognized Debbie Kettler for all her hours of hard and energetic work to arrange and organize the luncheon events.

. D. Nominations Committee – Mike Murray

Mike Murray will announce the slate of nominated officers and new or returning Board Members at the Annual luncheon to follow this board meeting. He will also conduct the election. The slate is the following:

- President Elect: Helene Sherman
- Treasurer: Steve Spaner (re-election)
- Secretary: Tom Eyssell
- New or Returning Board members:
 - Cindy Vantine, (new),
 - Debbie Kettler (re-election)
 - Melissa Hattman (re-election)

Mike will ask for nominations from the floor and if he hears none, the slate will be unanimously approved.

Retiree of the Year Awards:

The chapter needs to nominate a university staff award for the retiree of the year. That nominee must have retired prior to 2016.

IV. New Business

1. RA Banner: Wendell Smith informed Clark that a RA banner could be purchased to be displayed at RA events. The banner is self-standing and costs \$155. Members were asked to let Kathie Haywood know of their preference for purchasing the banner or not so doing. Dave Ganz stated that someone will need to be responsible for keeping the banner and making it available for events.

2. Possible dates for future meetings and whether they will be held in person or virtually were discussed:

August

October: under consideration

December Board Meeting prior to Holiday Luncheon

Holiday Luncheon

March

Spring, prior to Annual General meeting

Spring Annual General meeting

3. The next Board meeting is scheduled for August 18, Friday at 10.30 am.
4. Kathie will organize committee memberships, asking Board members for their preference.
5. A photograph was taken of the current Board Members and officers. The picture will be published in the newsletter and on the RA Facebook page.

The meeting was adjourned at 11:30 a.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Helene J. Sherman

Secretary