

UNIVERSITY OF IOWA RETIREES ASSOCIATION MINUTES

January 14, 2014

The meeting was called to order at 1:00 PM by President Rick Walton

Persons Present: Katharine Bjorndal, Kris Canfield, E. Ann Ford, Dick Johns, Ken Kuntz, Nancy Lynch, Nancy Ross, Ken Starck, Rick Walton

Reports from Officers:

Secretary

December 10, 2013 meeting Minutes

Starck moved, Johns seconded a motion to approve the Minutes as printed.

Approved unanimously

Treasurer

Kris Canfield was distributed a printed monthly financial report.

Treasurer's report as of December 1, 2013

\$2,881.24 Total checking account balance

\$2,552.85 Hills CD account balance – matures 10/2/14

\$1,021.23 Vanguard Money Market

\$13,075.87 Vanguard GNMA @2.20%

\$16,649.95 Total Reserve Funds

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Approved unanimously

President Report

Rick Walton reported that:

- he has been in correspondence with other Big 10 retiree groups about the inclusion of special interest groups. Some reported they had several, some have none and some have tried them but they have been discontinued. One suggestion he received, and he is checking on, was to approach The University Women's Club and see if we could share some interest groups with them
- he will check with Feather Lacy if there has been any recent action regarding our receiving software discounts through the University.
- he will try to follow up on the possibility of allowing parking to a broader group of retirees than just emeriti.
- he wondered about the rather large Reserve Funds that UIRA maintains and what they are used for. No one at the meeting seemed to know so he will check into the history of such funds and their use.
- Charlie Anderson has agreed to be the Nominating Committee Chairperson. The rest of the committee will be named soon and nominations will be in place by mid March. The upcoming Gray Hawk will encourage any members to also submit possible nominees.

Past President Report

Nancy Williams reported through Rick Walton that:

- there is an Associate Membership to UIRA for persons with close or loose ties to the University. Perhaps this opportunity has not been adequately advertised.

President–elect Report Ken Starck reported that:

- 20 persons have submitted a total of 54 photos to the Photo Contest...10 in the State Category, 15 in the US Category, and 29 in the International Category. He plans to have a slideshow running of all the entries during the Annual Luncheon and the winners of each category will be announced at that time. Prizes are yet to be determined.
- The UIRA Brochure has been updated and is posted on our website. At this time none have been produced as there has been no need for them.

Reports from Committees:

Newsletter

Ann Ford reported that:

- the deadline date for the February Gray Hawk is January 20th.

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No report until next month

Membership

Dick Johns & Katharine Bjorndal reported that:

- UIRA has 555 current members...six new and one renewal since our last UIRA Board meeting.

There was considerable discussion about the work involved in keeping membership records as we do it at this time. One suggestion was perhaps to use an outside source to maintain and update those records. It was also suggested that Dick communicate with other Big 10 Retiree groups regarding how they handle membership duties.

Programs

Nancy Lynch reported that:

- the next UIRA Meeting will be held at 3:00 PM on February 27th at Film Scene. Andy Brody will be speaking about this new venue and a short documentary will be shown.
- the March meeting will be about Wellness...details are being worked out.
- the Annual UIRA Meeting Luncheon will be April 24th or 28th or 29th probably at the Holiday Inn.

Old Business

Ken Kuntz reported that there will be no further action by EFC regarding consolidation with UIRA until Spring.

New Business

No New Business

Meeting adjourned

Next meeting Tuesday, February 11, 2014 at 1:00 PM

Nancy Ross, Secretary