

UNIVERSITY OF IOWA RETIREES ASSOCIATION MINUTES
February 11, 2014

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

Persons Present: E. Ann Ford, Dick Johns, Nancy Lynch, Nancy Ross, Gene Spaziani, Ken Starck, Rick Walton, Pamela Willard, Nancy Williams

Reports from Officers:

Secretary

January 24, 2014 meeting Minutes

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

Approved unanimously

Treasurer

Kris Canfield sent a printed monthly financial report.

Treasurer's report as of February 1, 2013

\$2,826.06 Total checking account balance

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

\$1,021.23 Vanguard Money Market

\$12,997.58 Vanguard GNMA @2.20%

\$16,571.66 Total Reserve Funds

Approved by unanimous consent

President Report

Rick Walton reported that:

- he continues to pursue a collaboration of Special Interest Groups with University Club and UIRA. He is waiting for further word from Kathy Maxwell about how she thinks that might be accomplished.
- possible discounts for Microsoft Office software for University Retirees is still being discussed. Pam Willard will look into that possibility for us.
- parking privileges for other than Emeriti is still being pursued. Pam Willard suggested that if comprehensive privileges are not possible that UIRA should pursue special accommodations for Retirees doing service such as members of UIRA Board be given free parking during the meetings. She is following up on that.
- Rick had a number of conversations with various persons about the use of the UIRA Reserve Funds. He understands now that those funds are available for “special purposes” that are not in the regular budget.

Motion: Reserve Fund money up to \$100 can be spent at the discretion of the UIRA President. Over that amount must be authorized by a UIRA Board Action

Johns moved Spaziani seconded Approved Unanimously

Past President Report

Nancy Williams reported that:

- she thought the entire membership should be reminded that there is the possibility of an Associate Membership to UIRA.
- 5 of 10 Senior College classes are full. These new classes began last week.

President–elect Report

- Ken Starck reported that:
- the Annual Meeting Luncheon is being planned for April 24th at the Holiday Inn. It is expected that about 90 will attend and the menu will be similar to last year. A judge for the Photo Contest has been secured. The winners will be announced and prizes awarded at the Luncheon. A TV monitor in the lobby will run a slide show of all the entries to the contest. Entertainment for that day is still being worked out.
 - photos from the UIRA meeting at University Library have been posted on our website. Ken will see that \$50 from UIRA is sent to the University Library as a thank you for all they did to make the meeting special.

Reports from Committees:

Newsletter

Ann Ford reported that:

- the deadline date for the March Gray Hawk is February 20th.
- a new Gray Hawk Editor will need to be in place for next year.
Motion: Beginning with the next Volume of the Newsletter (September 2014) The Gray Hawk will be distributed to UIRA members only electronically; the print version will be eliminated.

Ford moved Starck seconded Approved Unanimously

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...from Rick Borchard's written report:

- Delta Dental has increased payment for orthodontic work from 30% to 50%.
- As of February Iowa River Landing Clinics have expanded their hours giving more access for those covered by UI Choice.

Membership

Dick Johns reported that:

- there have been 7 renewals and 4 new memberships since our last meeting... bringing our total membership to 566.
- he has pursued options for keeping membership records by soliciting information from other Big Ten institutions and from an outside source called Club Access. This will be discussed further at our next meeting as we compare costs and benefits of these various options.

Programs

Nancy Lynch reported that:

- February 27th the UIRA program will be held at Film Scene.
- March 26th the UIRA program will be about the Blue Zone Project. She is securing a speaker and a number of entities to have display tables of information.

Directors at Large

Gene Spaziani reported that he has created the requested survey of members and will send the current draft to all Board members for their input. It will be discussed at the March UIRA Board meeting.

Meeting adjourned

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

Nancy Ross, Secretary