

UNIVERSITY OF IOWA RETIREES ASSOCIATION MINUTES
February 12, 2013

The meeting was called to order at 1:00 PM by President Nancy Williams

Persons Present: Richard Borchard, Ruth Dawson, Joseph Joynt, Kenneth Kuntz, Nancy Lynch, Nancy Ross, Gene Spaziani, Ken Starck, Richard Walton, Pamela Willard, Nancy Williams.

Reports from Officers:

Secretary

Minutes of the December 11, 2012 meeting were approved as printed by unanimous consent.

Treasurer

Treasurer's report as of January 1, 2013

\$3,303.62 Total checking account balance

\$2,527.47 Hills CD account balance – matures 10/2/14

\$1,021.11 Vanguard Money Market

\$13,288.36 Vanguard GNMA @2.09%

\$16,816.94 Total Reserve Funds

Treasurer's report was approved as printed by unanimous consent

President

Nancy Williams reported that

- the Nominating Committee is working to fill the slate of officers. They will meet this Thursday and would welcome suggestions for a candidate for President-elect.
- the Budget Committee will be chaired by Rick Walton with Joe Joynt, Ruth Dawson, and Ken Kuntz as members
- she thought an Honorarium to Feather Lacey for her professional service on our website should be given at this time. After some discussion...

MOTION: Kuntz moved and Willard seconded a motion to give a one time honorarium in the amount of \$300 to Feather Lacy and that the practice be revisited annually. Passed unanimously.

President Elect

Rick Walton reported that

- the February 28th meeting is in place. It will be a tour of the new indoor Football Practice Facility and a talk by Jane Meyer about Olympic sports at Iowa. A complimentary box lunch will be provided. There is high interest thus far. It promises to be a popular meeting.
- April 23rd is the date for the Annual Meeting at the Holiday Inn. The cost for food will be similar to previous years. Steve Swanson, baritone, will be the entertainment. He has agreed to \$400 for his performance and will share a portion of it with his accompanist.

Past President

Ken Kuntz reported that

- he continues to assemble retiree Newsletters from other Big Ten schools...nine schools have responded positively to his request.
- greeters for the February 28th UIRA Meeting will be Penny and Jim Hall and Ruth and Ken Kuntz.

Reports from Committees:

Newsletter

Ann Ford reports that costs for the Gray Hawk are rising. Nancy cautioned the Budget Committee to keep that fact in mind as they prepare the new budget. It was also mentioned

that we need to continually monitor the number of people who are receiving the postal version vs those who receive the Newsletter electronically to be certain we are being most cost effective.

FRIC

Richard Borchard reported that

- the February FRIC meeting was cancelled
- the TIAA-CREF rebates he spoke of last month have been credited to the investors' accounts.

EFC

Pam Willard reported that

- Brian Kaskie presented his survey findings to the group. This survey was sponsored by TIAA-CREF and the University. There were 187 institutions of all sizes both public and private surveyed. There is MUCH information. It will need to be broken down into more "usable" parts to be of value.
- the discussion about EFC and UIRA merging or becoming linked in some way continues. Nancy Williams will send another communication to EFC reiterating UIRA's openness to the idea.

Membership

Ruth Dawson and Gene Spaziani reported

- the membership for the current year...
 - Total households: 454 (minus 4% below last year)
 - Total individuals: 601 (minus 7.4% below last year)
 - Total new members to date: 108 individuals (+4% over last year)
- the total dropped from 2011-2012 membership in 2012-13 (non-payment of dues) was 143 individuals.
 - ...of which 47 (33%) were "freshmen" (i.e. 1st year members).

Communications/Promoting UIRA

Ken Starck reported that

- the photo gallery is up and running. The intent is to cover each of our events there.
- he is thinking about other possible sites...perhaps a competition of photos of members who have traveled both nationally and internationally.

During the discussion that followed other ideas were mentioned such as short travelogues of interesting places members have visited, or a compilation of "blogs" that UIRA member maintain.

Wellness

Nancy Lynch reported that the Healthy Wealthy & Wise has been postponed for a year. She is still open to ideas to incorporate into such an event next year.

New Business:

Nancy Williams met with Charlie Anderson to discuss some ideas regarding "Aging in Place". She would like to see a committee formed within UIRA to join in these discussions.

MOTION: Dawson moved and Willard seconded a motion to form a UIRA Aging in Place Committee to pursue the conversation with those interested in the topic.

Passed unanimously

Old Business

No old business

Meeting adjourned

Next meeting Tuesday, March 12, 2013 at 1:00 PM

Nancy Ross, Secretary