

UNIVERSITY OF IOWA RETIREES ASSOCIATION MINUTES
September 10, 2013

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

Persons Present: Katharine Bjorndal, Richard Borchard, E. Ann Ford, Dick Johns, Jerry Rose, Nancy Ross, Ken Starck, Rick Walton, Pam Willard.

Reports from Officers:

Secretary

June 11, 2013 meeting Minutes

Corrections: addition of semi-colon

“Gray Hawk costs were up a little; investments..... “
addition of the words “of chicken”

“...flooding: 64 pieces of chicken were eaten. “

Starck moved, Bjorndal seconded a motion to approve June 11, 2013, Minutes with these corrections.

Approved unanimously.

Treasurer

A printed monthly financial report from Kris Canfield was available.

Treasurer's report as of May 1, 2013

\$1,376.75 Total checking account balance

\$2,540.03 Hills CD account balance – matures 10/2/14

\$1,021.14 Vanguard Money Market

\$12,964.83 Vanguard GNMA @2.20%

\$16,526.00 Total Reserve Funds

Approved unanimously

President Report

Rick Walton quoted from the Operations Manual the purpose of UIRA, at least in part, is to promote and support the University of Iowa.

- He questioned how we “as a group” fulfilled the purpose
- He said that a survey of member involvements is “in the works.”

Rick would like to have discussions over the year regarding:

- possible changes in the process of obtaining new and renewal memberships.
- implementation of special interest groups

By common consent it was decided to keep our meeting time the same – 2nd Tuesday of each month at 1:00 PM.

President–elect Report

Ken Starck reported:

- that space is available in the Jefferson Building (Room 605) that UIRA can utilize for small meetings and storage. After some discussion Starck moved and Ford seconded the following motion:

“We accept the suggested space (Room 605) in the Jefferson Building and make plans to share it with EFC.”

Approved unanimously

- he plans to promote the Travel Photo Contest to the UIRA membership with an article in the Gray Hawk and with handouts at our Program Meetings.
- that the Big Ten Retirees Meeting he and Nancy Williams attended last August in Ann Arbor was well worth their time. The theme was Healthy and Purposeful

Retirement. They had the opportunity to interact with 19 other representatives from other Big Ten schools and gained some good ideas about how their retiree groups are run. As an outgrowth of that he wondered if we should be sending the Gray Hawk to the University Administration and to the Regents. He will check about legalities of doing such.

Old Business

Jerry Rose reported that nothing regarding UIRA/EFC merger had taken place over the summer.

Reports from Committees:

Newsletter

Ann Ford reported that:

- the Gray Hawk deadlines are announced in each issue of the Gray Hawk.
- she is planning to implement "Did You Know" as a regular feature in each edition of the Gray Hawk.

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No report at this time

Membership

Katharine Bjorndal and Dick Johns reported:

- that 95 membership renewals and 21 new memberships were processed as of August 31st; in addition 2 deaths were reported.
- that the membership forms should explicitly ask for city, state, and zip code information.

Programs

Ken Starck reported that

- the next program (September 19th and 24th) will be held at Ginsbergs Jewelry with an introduction to the cutting-edge technology of 3-D printing.
- October 10th Sally Mason will speak to the group with time to be confirmed later.

New Business

No New Business

Meeting adjourned

Next meeting Tuesday, October 8, 2013 at 1:00 PM

Nancy Ross, Secretary