

UNIVERSITY OF IOWA RETIREES ASSOCIATION MINUTES
October 8, 2013

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

Persons Present: Katharine Bjorndal, E. Ann Ford, Dick Johns, Ken Kuntz, Nancy Lynch, Nancy Ross, Gene Spaziani, Nancy Sprince, Ken Starck, Rick Walton, Nancy Williams.

Reports from Officers:

Secretary

September 10, 2013 meeting Minutes

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

Approved unanimously

Treasurer

A printed monthly financial report from Kris Canfield was available.

Treasurer's report as of May 1, 2013

\$352.21 Total checking account balance

\$2,546.13 Hills CD account balance – matures 10/2/14

\$1,021.23 Vanguard Money Market

\$13,075.85 Vanguard GNMA @2.20%

\$16,643.21 Total Reserve Funds

Approved unanimously

President Report

Rick Walton reported:

- that he is interested in pursuing the formation of Interest Groups and is looking for someone to coordinate these groups. He will check with other Big Ten groups as to how they began successful groups.
- the UIRA – EFC consolidation process continues. There will be an EFC meeting tomorrow and Rick will reiterate that this group is positive about proceeding with the process.
- at the October 10th UIRA meeting with President Mason Lot 55 parking will be available to all at no cost.

President-elect Report

Ken Starck reported that:

- he is speaking on Thursday (October 17th) about UIRA to a pre-retirees meeting, and he will have our brochure and application for membership available as well.
- he has discussed with Feather Lacy the possibility of "live streaming" UIRA programs or posting video highlights of the programs on the UIRA website, He will continue to pursue this idea with Feather.
- he has created a promotional piece for the Photo Contest to have available at future UIRA meetings.
- the UIRA membership needs to be informed about the AROHE and Big Ten groups...perhaps through short articles in the Newsletter from time to time.
- he will be updating the UIRA brochure.
- perhaps we should invite UIRA members to contribute ideas for programs if space in The Gray Hawk allows. Discussion followed, and the consensus was that such invitations would be a good way to give UIRA more visibility. He will pursue it.

Old Business

Ken Kuntz read a thank you note from Riverside Theater for the \$50 from UIRA for their program at the June Picnic meeting.

Reports from Committees:

Newsletter

Ann Ford reported that:

- bulk mail is even more sporadic and slower than previously. The print copies of the Newsletter are not being delivered for a week or more. She will continue to seek ways to get printed Newsletters to members in a more timely manner.
- she would suggest that EFC Board members be added to the Gray Hawk mailing list.
- it was decided that Gray Hawk issues will be sent to University Administration Officials but not to the Board of Regents.

FRIC

Rick Borchard reported there are no items of discussion from the October 4, 2013, FRIC meeting currently affecting UI retirees.

Membership

Katharine Bjorndal and Dick Johns reported that:

- during the month of September, 24 new memberships and 26 renewals were processed.
- all Dues received (\$1120) have been deposited into our account.

Programs

Nancy Lynch reported that

- the program (September 19th and 24th) at Ginsbergs Jewelry was well attended and enthusiastically received.
- October 23rd the program will be given by David Osterberg at the Coralville Library. His presentation will be "Confrontation on Water Quality in Iowa – Are Iowa Laws Strong Enough?"
- November 14th the Daedalus Quartet will present a program at the University Capitol Centre Recital Hall.
- perhaps we could invite other groups who might be interested in UIRA programs if space allows. Discussion followed and the consensus was that such invitations would be a good way to give UIRA more visibility. She will pursue it.
- there will be no December UIRA meeting.

New Business

No New Business

Meeting adjourned

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

Nancy Ross, Secretary