**MSURA Board Meeting Minutes - February 6, 2013**

**The meeting of the MSU Retirees Association was called to order at 10:00 a.m. on February 6,, 2013 in room 125 Nisbet Building.**

**Present: David Brower, Nancy Craig, John Forsyth, Gale Gower, Al LeBlanc, Rosemary Pavlik, Patrick Scheetz, Ron Smith, Joan Smith, Bob Wenner, and Darlene Wenner.**

**The minutes of the January 2013 MSURA Board meeting were approved as prepared.**

**Budget and Finance Report: David Brower reported that he has been receiving the contributions report on a regular monthly schedule with proper address information. There no longer appears to be any backlog.**

**Treasurer’s Report: Bob Wenner distributed the Financial Statement reflecting the return of $4513.22 which had been incorrectly charged to our account. Bob has already received four reservations for the Annual Meeting luncheon in May so far.**

**President’s Report: Ron Smith brought the idea of inviting the President, Provost and Sharon Butler, (Human Resources) to the list of invited guests at the Annual Meeting. Additionally, he suggested that we ask Sharon Butler to say a few words at the meeting. He reminded board members that the next newsletter deadline is March 8, 2013, so be sure to get items you might want to put in the newsletter to Al LeBlanc prior to that time. After discussion, it was decided that retirees who do not receive a mailed newsletter should receive a an email notice informing them that their newsletter subscription expired or will expire on a particular date (MM/YY). John Forsyth agree that it was possible to identify those individuals and will provide the information so that a monthly communication can go out.**

**Vice President’s Report: Rosemary Pavlik confirmed the February member meeting speaker is Lee Reimann who will speak about Worry Free Wills and Trusts. The March meeting will have Renee Rivard from MSU Human Resources and Jana Jirak, the MSU Chief Pharmacist. The April speaker is expected to be Barbara-Sawyer Koch, the spouse of a MSU retiree, who also served for a number of years on the MSU Board of Trustees. Barbara is very active with CVIP which is a group of volunteers who assist the international programs office with many programing functions which serves international undergraduates, graduate students and their spouses, as well as visiting international faculty and domestic students who study abroad. Arrangements have been finalized for Dan DiMaggio and Sparty to be our guest speakers at the May annual meeting.**

**Past President’s Report: We were very please with the attendance at the Straightline seminar which was approximately 100. The link to the Straightline web-site is now active from the MSURA web page.**

**Health Benefits Committee Report: No Report since the committee has not met.**

 **Membership Committee: A committee meeting is scheduled for February 25. 75 tickets have been reserved for the Lugnuts baseball game on Friday, June 14th. Tickets will be $11 and seniors will receive a complimentary hot dog, box of popcorn and soft-drink for that price. Tickets will be available not only to seniors/retirees, but also friends and relatives, although the complementary food/beverage is only for seniors. There will be a fireworks display after the game.**

**Office Management: Gale Gower passed around an Office Volunteer schedule.**

**The Annual Meeting committee met on January 23rd. In addition to those previously mentioned as guests at the annual meeting the following will be invited: Dan Chegwidden, (MSU Development), Renee Rivard, (Human Resources), Patrick McFarlane, April Clobes and Kelly Showerman (MSUFCU) and Steven Mosshart (Straightline). Brenda Spackman and Darlene Wenner will be responsible for the registration table. Members serving on the Membership Committee will be greeters. Mary Lou Gifford will serve as photographer. Nancy Craig will solicit gifts and/or a door prize and table decorations from MSUFCU and Straightline and/or from Kellogg Center. Several displays (knitting – Rosemary; toys – Patrick; Golf – Bob; Opera and Military History – Al; Old Newsboys – Brenda; and United Wary – Darlene) will be set up to show member what some of MSURA involvement is in the community. Gale will be responsible for the printed program and she is the contact person with Kellogg Center for reserved seating. Luncheon numbers, wheel chair availability, speaker platform and microphone, parking tickets, extra tables at the entrance for registration and displays, coat rack, (if needed). The committee will met again Wednesday, April 17 at 10 a.m.**

**Communications Reports: Al LeBlanc reported that he does not yet have mail preparation and postage costs for the last newsletter yet. However, he will mail them out when he gets them prior to the next meeting. They should not exceed $400.**

**John Forsyth reported that he has nothing to report yet about the Emerti group’s response to the directory information difficulties. He will do some digging to see if he can find out something about the problem, which doesn’t seems as if it should be so difficulty to solve.**

**The board authorized John Forsyth to spend $10 to $20 for a used power – supply from MSU Surplus which may solve a computer problem he is working on. Also, he has heard from Craig Gunn, (Engineering) that a newer computer is “almost” on its way.**

 **United Way Report: Darlene Wenner indicated that $54, 090 had been collected from 236 retiree donors as of this date. An additional amount may have been sent directly to United Way from MSU retirees, but she does not yet have that figure. Currently, the total is approximately $2000 over last year with slightly fewer retired donors participating.**

**The meeting adjourned at 11 a.m. The next meeting is scheduled for Wednesday, March 6, 2013.**