**MSU RETIREES ASSOCIATION BOARD MEETING MINUTES**

**October 7, 2015**

**125 Nisbet Building**

Present: Jerry Hull, Brenda Spackman, Nancy Craig, Darlene Wenner, David Brower, John Forsyth, Angela Brown, Rick Vogt, Trish Horn, Marilyn Rothert, Michael Gardner, Ron Smith, Liz Thomas, Chuck Webb, Al LeBlanc, Anders Johanson, Patrick Scheetz, Jacque Babcock, Gale Gower

The meeting was called to order at 10:00 a.m. by President Angela Brown. The minutes from the April 29, 2015 and September 9, 2015 board meetings were approved.

President’s Report:

A picture of the current MSURA Board will be taken after the meeting and posted.

Roger Baldwin is conducting a research project of retirement organizations and how beneficial they are to the universities and their members. The questions on the survey were previously reviewed by President Angela Brown and Patrick Scheetz.

Stephen Ruthenberg, manager of Forest Akers Golf Course, would like to work together with MSURA. President Angela Brown and other MSURA members will meet with Steve to discuss options.

The MSURA pamphlet that is sent to all new retirees needs to be updated. There are enough copies of the current edition to last through the April, 2016 mailing. A committee of Angela Brown, Nancy Craig, David Brower and Brenda Spackman will be formed to update the pamphlet. Trish Horn has volunteered to work on the design.

Vice President’s Report:

Rick Vogt reported that the speakers for the membership meetings are all set for this year. He is working on a list of possible speakers for the next year.

Health Benefits Committee:

Marilyn Rothert recommended MSURA members read the new Benefits Enrollment paper to learn about new information. Most retirees will not see any changes in coverage.

She reported that there was a meeting with Renee Rivard, and one with Jana Jirak from the Clinical Center Pharmacy. Another meeting is planned with Renee Rivard and CareMark. There is also a meeting planned with the CEO of the Health Team. Chuck Webb requested that a member of MSURA be on the Health Team so that we may have input when health benefits are being negotiated. Marilyn will take this up with Renee.

Treasurer’s Report:

MSURA has given $3,285 to Advancement for the MSURA scholarship fund, David Brower reported. There was a total of $3,645 raised for the scholarship from the golf outing.

David made a motion to create a committee to discuss and advise MSURA on financial matters. The motion was approved.

Past President’s Report:

Patrick Scheetz reported that the golf outing was very successful. There were eleven teams and fourteen volunteers. He thanked the volunteers who helped make it a success.

MSURA Student Scholarship:

The MSURA endowed scholarship now has $30,815 in the fund, with another $20,350 pledged, making a total of $50,445, according to Chuck Webb. He will be contacting members in October to submit names for scholarship recipients.

Communications:

eNotices: Trish Horn will post eNotices the first of every month. If there is critical information that comes up during a month, she will also post that. Information can also be forwarded to Anders Johanson for posting.

Newsletter: The deadline for the November edition is Friday, October 9. A motion was made to send the November edition to all MSURA members. The motion passed. There is a committee working on a new masthead for the newsletter. Al is trying out new mastheads on the newsletters to see how they look.

IT Retirees Data Base: John Forsyth reported that 1,125 people looked at the webpage in the last 30 days.

Website/Facebook: Anders Johanson reported 187 “likes” to the site.

Membership Committee: There was no report.

Human Resources: There was no report.

Office Management: Liz Thomas reported that office coverage is good through December. We are working on getting a new phone.

United Way: Darlene Wenner reported that pledge forms are being printed. There will be a meeting of volunteers on October 23 to put together the all-campus mailing.

Old Newsboys: Brenda Spackman has agreed to continue to chair this committee, but requested help with it. Information about Old Newsboys will be posted in the newsletter, on eNotices and facebook

Other Items: President Angela Brown asked that members think about names of members who might be interested in serving on the board.

The meeting was adjourned at 11:45 a.m.