**MSU RETIREES ASSOCIATION BOARD MEETING**

**NOVEMBER 9, 2016**

**ROOM 125 NISBET BUILDING**

Present: John Forsyth, Nancy Craig, Pam Marcis, Bruce Smith, Patrck Scheetz, Cheryl Pell, Michael Gardner, Ron Smith, Etta Abraham, Al LeBlanc, Rick Vogt, Angela Brown, Gale Gower

President Angela Brown called the meeting to order at 10:00 a.m. The minutes from the October 5, 2016 meeting were approved as written.

President’s Report:

-There will be a retake of the Board picture since several people were not able to be at the last picture session.

- Board meetings for the rest of this year are: December 7, January 4, February 8, March 8, April 5 & 26, May 1 Annual Meeting

-The MSURA Scholarship Endowment Agreement addendum is unchanged. Angela has requested that if anyone has any questions, she will be glad to meet with them if there are further concerns.

-Board members have been invited to a reception with residents of Burcham Hills Retirement Center on November 9 at 2:00 p.m. This would be an informal get-together.

-The Health Benefits Committee: The committee has not met in a while. It was discussed that MSURA needs to have an advocate on the committee in case something relevant to retirees comes up. Angela will talk with Marilyn Rothert about the committee.

-The University EAP meeting discussed the new ban on tobacco products on campus. There are emotional resilience classes held on campus for those interested.

Vice President’s Report:

-The Straightline Financial Workshops were a success. There were 40 attending in the morning, and 50 attending in the afternoon. It might be a good idea to repeat this next year.

- It was decided to cancel the trip to the Northwestern football game in the fall since it is a night game.

Treasurer’s Report:

* Dave Brower presented the October 31, 2016 financial report for the Association. Revenues for the month of October totaled $818.12 and expenditures totaled $6,351.28, resulting in a net decrease in assets of $5,533.16 for the month. The Forest Akers billing for $4,742.00, relating to our 2016 golf outing, is reflected in this statement. Accounts for the golf outing is not yet complete. Year-to-date, we have a net increase in assets of $2,982.83, which total $43,077.47 as of October 31, 2016.

- Dave noted that the tax return for the FY15/16 fiscal year has been filed and accepted by the IRS. He also noted that the review of the FY15/16 financial records has been completed by Larry Cole and Joe Lessard. The will send President Brown their report shortly.

Past President’s Report:

There was no report.

Communications:

Newsletter: Carla Freed has volunteered to write a column on what people are doing in retirement. It will be added to the website as well as the newsletter.

There were 4,580 newsletters mailed for the November issue. The board all received hard copies.

eNotices: There was no report.

Interest Groups: Pam Marcis reported that three interest groups have been removed from the website: Bird watching, Book Club (which is full), and American History Book Club. A paragraph will be put in the newsletter asking for interest for groups. eNotices can also be used to assess interest.

Quilters want to make one of two quilts for the Annual Meeting. There would be a drawing to determine who would get the quilts. The money would go towards the MSURA Endowed Scholarship.

Human Resources:

There was no report.

Office Management:

Liz Thomas is looking for members to cover the office.

United Way:

As of November 2, $51,351.00 had been pledged by retirees. MSURA has been asked to help with a mailing on December 1 and 2 for on-campus staff.

Other Items:

Old Newsboys: the sale of the newspaper will be on December 8 in the morning. Please contact Brenda Spackman to help sell the newspapers.

The meeting was adjourned at 10:50 a.m.