**MSU RETIREES ASSOCIATION BOARD MEETING**

**DECEMBER 7, 2016**

**ROOM 125 HISBET BUILDING**

Present: Trish Horn, Nancy Craig, Marilyn Rothert, Liz Thomas, Bruce Smith, Patrick Scheetz, Dan Mackey, Brenda Spackman, Michael Gardner, Ron Smith, Etta Abrahams, John Forsyth, Angela Brown, Al LeBlanc, Gale Gower

President Angela Brown called the meeting to order at 10:00 a.m.

The minutes of the November 9, 2016 board meeting were approved.

President’s Report:

* The reception at Burcham Hills Retirement Community for MSU residents was very well received. Perhaps MSURA can partner with these residents in the future. The room is available if we would like to do that.
* Health Benefits Committee: Marilyn Rothert reported that the functions of the committee have been assumed by other committees. It was felt that MSURA needs a retiree representing retirees’ concerns to the University. Angela Brown and Marilyn Rothert will meet with Renee Rivard and Sharon Banks to express the concerns of the Association. Dan Mackay will also be helpful in keeping up with retiree health concerns. President Angela Brown recommended that we continue to form the committee as is for now, and have a liaison to meet with other committees when relevant topics come up. Marilyn will talk to the committee.
* Financial Review: Treasurer Dave Brower will report on finances in January.
* Retiree Donations to the University: Donations to the University for fiscal year 2016 totaled $10,356,977.53 from 1,838 donors.
* Data Breach: President Brown urged members to read the information sent by the University and follow the instructions. A future meeting might be how to monitor an individual’s accounts to make members more pro-active.

Vice President’s Report:

* A microphone has been obtained for the meetings at the MSU Credit Union.

Communications:

Newsletter: The deadline for information for the January 6, 2017 newsletter is December 9, 2016. There will be multipage editions in August, November and April.

eNotices: Trish Horn raised the question as to how we can make the Association more inclusive of staff and non-academics. There is a feeling that MSURA is mainly for academic staff retirees. It was suggested that we go to staff and don’t wait for them to come to us.

Human Resources:

* Dan Mackay reminded members that the new health deductibles start in January 2017. Human Resources if reviewing its website and will have a new format in January 2017.

Office Management:

* The MSURA meeting schedule has been updated. Liz Thomas and Angela will talk about getting more assistance with the duties of the office.

United Way: There was no report.

Other Items:

* Requests for names for Volunteer of the Year will be in the next newsletter.

The meeting was adjourned at 11:10 a.m.