**MSU RETIREES ASSOCIATION BOARD MEETING**

**JANUARY 4, 2017**

**ROOM 125 NISBET BUILDING**

Present: John Forsyth, Pam Marcis, Liz Thomas, Dan Chegwidden, Patrick Scheetz, Dan Mackey, Ron Smith, Michael Gardner, Etta Abrahams, Rick Vogt, Bill Anderson, guest, Al LeBlanc, David Brower, Angela Brown, Gale Gower

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

The minutes of the December 7, 2016 were approved as amended.

President’s Report:

 - Data Breach Notification: The University has asked MSURA to get information about the breach to our members. Information on our homepage will direct members to the University homepage where there is updated information.

 - Retiree Housing Survey: President Simon would like feedback from our members about the feasibility of retiree housing on campus. Ginny Haas is working with MSURA to create a survey for members. MSURA is interested in participating. President Brown would like to review the survey before it goes out.

 - Outside website links: MSURA gets requests to link our site to outside websites. Since we do not always have much information about these sites, we do not want to link to them.

Vice President’s Report:

* Cancelled Speaker’s Meeting: The December membership meeting was cancelled due to weather. It will be rescheduled for next year.
* The January speaker will be Barbara Givens on the topic of cancer and cancer treatments.

Treasurer’s Report:

* David Brower reported that December 2016 ledgers have not been received as of the date of our Board meeting. He will prepare the December statement as soon as possible and send it to the Board with a report.
* He reported that the annual Michigan Corporation filing and $20.00 fee were sent in during December. He was late in filing because he was waiting for the form, which apparently will not be sent in the future. On-line filing is now being used.

Past President’s Report:

* Patrick Scheetz announced that the 2017 Golf Outing will be held on September 19, 2017. Please let Patrick know if you are interested in volunteering, know sponsors or have ideas for door prizes. There were 67 golfers at the 2016 event. Angie thanked Patrick and Straightline for their work on this successful golf outing.

Communications:

* Newsletter: Al LeBlanc asked for any feedback we get on the size of the type in the newsletter, which is tiny. It is larger in the online version.
* January 6 is the deadline for the March 3 newsletter. Information on the Annual Luncheon should be in this edition.
* Carla Freed will work on Spartan Spotlight, a column to highlight what retirees are doing now. Tim Little will be featured in the first Spartan Spotlight.

Human Resources:

* Dan Mackey said that the Human Resosurces updated website will be up and running soon. It will not affect our website.

Office Management:

* Liz Thomas asked board members to consider covering the office this semester. There are dates available.
* A committee will meet mid-January to plan the Annual Luncheon.

Old Newsboys:

* There will be articles on the United Way program in the Newsletter.

Other Items:

 -The February membership meeting will have Dr. Pochen speaking on brain health.

 - Ron Smith asked the board to give him names for the Volunteer of the Year Award.

 - Pam Marcis had a picture of one of the quilts that will be drawn at the Annual Luncheon to support our scholarship. Dave Brower will look into the rules for a drawing. A committee of President Angie Brown, Dan Chigwedden, Dave Brower, and Rick Vogt will meet to decide who to choose for the next scholarship.

* Dave Brower reported that the audit was approves and a letter to that outcome is available for our records.

The meeting was adjourned at 11:20 a.m.