

MSU Retirees Association Board Minutes

October 3, 2018, Room 27 Nesbit Building, 10:00 AM

Attending: Dave Brower, Angela Brown, Nancy Craig, John Forsyth, Michael Gardner, Anders Johanson, Dan Mackey, Pam Marcis, Ron Smith, Liz Thomas, Rick Vogt

The meeting was called to order by Rick Vogt.

It was moved and seconded the September 5, 2018 minutes be approved. Motion passed.

President's Report (Rick Vogt):

Jacqie is looking into local events and will report at the November meeting.

If you know a volunteer to recognize, let Rick know.

So far we have received 450 responses to the Retiree Survey. Ten responders said they would be interested in volunteering for the organization. More information on the survey will be shared at the next meeting. The survey will be available until the end of October.

Rick received an inquiry on "The Tree of Life" from a member. This is an on-campus cemetery. Rick asked her to conduct further research on what other campuses are doing. MSURA has many other initiatives to support at this time.

An email about the President's search was shared. Dave Brower is willing to prepare a letter requesting Retiree involvement. Roger Baldwin is planning on writing a letter also. All should review the website on the Presidential Search. MSURA should consider creating a committee to develop input for the Presidential Search committee. Dave Brower, Roger Baldwin and Rick Vogt will participate on the committee.

A by-law change was discussed. On Page 2, Section 2.3 Meetings, it is suggested we remove "other than the two summer months". We have held a retreat in the summer, however, the president should determine if a retreat will be held. This change will be presented at the annual meeting. Other questions about the by-laws were raised. Ron Smith volunteered to review the by-laws for updates and present them to the Board.

We need more volunteers for MSURA. All are encouraged to recruit.

The MSU Shares luncheon (Community Charitable Campaign) will be held on October 15. Encourage members to attend. If you can assist with the pledge form mailing for MSU Shares, please let Darlene know.

Bruce Smith has volunteered to take the lead for the Old Newsboys drive.

The October/November membership meeting will include Dan Mackey from HR to discuss Open Enrollment and a representative from the Clinical Center to discuss prescription consolidation. Volunteers are always needed to set up for the monthly meetings.

Past President's Report (Angela Brown):

It is early for selection of the next scholarship recipients. She will report back after talking with Glenn Brough.

A proposed schematic design for the MSU University Based Retirement Community was shared. We should consider inviting Erin Carter to a Board meeting to more fully discuss the plans to date.

Treasurer's Report (Dave Brower):

Dave Brower distributed the September 30, 2018 MSURA Financial Statement. Revenues for September totaled \$518.04, while expenditures totaled \$2,001.63, resulting in an excess of expenditures over revenues for the month of \$1,483.59. Included in expenditures is \$1,917.63 in printing charges for our large summer newsletter mailing.

For our first quarter, the 3 month period ending September 30, 2018, revenues totaled \$11,321.28 and expenditures totaled \$4,245.69, resulting in a net increase assets of \$7,075.59, which totaled \$45,115.48 as of September 30, 2018. . Recall that all newsletter underwriting income for the year (\$10,400) has been received so that this surplus will be used up as we complete our additional newsletter printings and mailings for the fiscal year.

The MSURA Endowment balance on September 30, 2018 was \$104,609.76, an increase of \$258.40 over the prior month.

Some sentiment was expressed about mass mailings to solicit funds to continue to grow the endowment and offer multiple scholarships.

The insurance bill has been received and a motion was made to pay this bill by Dave Brower, supported by John Forsyth. Motion passed.

Motion was made by John Forsyth to accept the financials, supported by Mike Gardner. Motion passed.

Annual Meeting (Pam Marcis):

The first meeting of the committee will be held on October 30 at Liz Thomas' home. The annual meeting is scheduled for May 7, 2019 at the University Club.

Email Conversion to Outlook 365 (John Forsyth):

No further conversions at this time.

MSU Benefits, Open Enrollment (Dan Mackey):

Open Enrollment will be discussed at Monday's monthly meeting. Information is online and retirees can go to main HR website page.

Office Management (Liz Thomas):

So far, there is good office coverage. We could use more volunteers.

Membership-Special Interest Groups (Pam Marcis):

Pam shared information on bus tours offered by Dean Transportation and Midwest Tours. She will send information in email to everyone. There was some interest in working with Midwest Tours for a tour of the Ford Rouge Factory and the Henry Ford Museum.

Other Items (Nancy Craig):

Nancy shared possible dates for the next Lugnuts outing. The date selected was May 31, 2019. Additional information will be shared with members.

Meeting adjourned.

Minutes submitted by Angela Brown