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MSU RETIREES ASSOCIATION BOARD MINUTES

JANUARY 9, 2018, 250 NESBIT BUILDING

ATTENDING: Bill Anderson, Jacqueline Babcock, Roger Baldwin, Dave Brower, Angela Brown, John Forsyth, Michael Gardner, Pam Marcis, Dan Mackey, Bruce Smith, Ron Smith

The meeting was called to order at 10:05 am by Vice President Roger Baldwin. Roger announced President Rick Vogt has been hospitalized in Florida, but his health is improving. An address was made available for cards to be sent.

Minutes (Jacqueline Babcock): Angela Brown moved to approve the December 2018 minutes. Bill Anderson seconded. Approved.

President's Report (Rick Vogt - presented by Roger Baldwin):

The May 7, 2019 MSU Annual Meeting notice will appear in newsletter and website.

Future of MSURA Participation in Old Newsboys . Bruce Smith commented we can still encourage people to make their contributions. Despite fewer volunteers, we collected more cash donations this year than last year. We do not have final numbers yet. The "text to donate" helps. We could promote this link to donate. It was asked if Old Newsboys is part of MSU Shares? If not, we are on the cusp of not being in line with MSU policy. There may be other ways to support the organization. Discussion was tabled for a future meeting.

Vice President's Report (Roger Baldwin):

Roger passed around a list to sign up to assist with setting up future monthly meetings. (The list is now complete.)

Roger said he received a request from Anders Johanson to submit more pictures for the MSURA website. We need people to take photos at meetings. Bruce and David agreed to take photos at the January 2019 meeting.

The January speaker is Erick Friedman, Journalism Professor. His specialty is environmental issues. He will be speaking about the environment in the Great Lakes basin. February's speaker will be about packing challenges for seniors and labeling issues.

February is also the Department of Theatre set design tour. John will take photos.

A draft of a policy for paid speakers was handed out. MSU people don't ask for compensation. We have had one person who came from Detroit a year ago. She had to drive and allow for set up time. The musicians who performed in December 2019 brought in a keyboard from Dexter, MI. If presenters meet the criteria, we should be able to make payment arrangements. Of the options presented, #3 will be removed. Dave stated we need a hard and fast rule we will never pay over \$500 because this then has tax related issues and we have to report via a 1099. We can reimburse for mileage. It was suggested we could make donations to an organization, such as Alzheimers, as well. We really desire to have quality speakers at no cost. At the next Big Ten conference, this would be a good question to ask how other retiree organizations handle this. Dave and Roger will wordsmith a bit to describe difference mileage and honorarium options.

Survey results remain a work in progress.

Past President's Report (Angela Brown):

Rick is working on a Straightline program and asked Angie to work with Beth Mosshart.

The Scholarship Committee is waiting to hear from Glenn re: next year's selection. We may be a bit early.

The Senior Housing Project is expected to go before the MSU Board of Trustees at today's meeting. Committee chairs will ask for permission to plan officially. Angela is working on a date to have a presentation to the MSURA board.

Treasurer's Report (Dave Brower):

Dave Brower distributed the MSURA December 31, 2018 financial statement. He noted that revenues for the month totaled \$172.24 and expenditures totaled \$304.46, resulting in an excess of expenditures over revenues for December 2018 of (\$132.22). Major expenditures for December included \$250 for payment for music provided at our December monthly program.

Fiscal year-to-date (half way through our 18-19 fiscal year) revenues totaled \$11,714.05 and expenditures totaled \$7419.58, resulting in a net increase in assets of \$4,294.47. Recall that all underwriting revenues for the year, totaling \$10,400, have been received and will be needed to cover copy, printing, postage and other costs for the remainder of this fiscal year (FY).

As noted in the footnote, as of December 31, 2018 the MSURA Endowment had a balance of \$105,534.96, an increase of \$208.40 over the prior month. The income

account had a balance of \$4,956.26. In the next month or two the income account will be charged \$2,500 for spring semester scholarship awards.

President Rick Vogt has arranged for Straightline to be a \$2,000 sponsor for our 2019 annual meeting. This should ensure that we will have a balanced budget for FY 2018-19.

We are in good shape for this year. There is a little bit of money still out in longer year commitments, but we are moving toward our \$115,000 goal in the Scholarship account to assure \$5,000 in interest each year. We are approaching a time when the MSURA board can think about where we want future additional funds to go. Maybe there are other places we want to support programs, etc. It was suggested an article in the newsletter highlighting we are close to our goal might be helpful in bringing in the needed additional funds.

We did not receive any donations from “Green Day.”

Dave said he is concerned about emails sitting in the joint email account in the office. We need to figure out how to handle this email account. Some messages are time sensitive - ex: an organization asking for volunteers for February. Liz will take care of death notices, etc. No one has been given authority or agreed to handle this account. Individuals who have access to the account are Rick, Anders and John, as well as Liz. John commented he is not as concerned about the emails and thinks we should table until Liz can be at a meeting. This is a feature of this new email system. We do not have a password. msu@msura is a shared mailbox. We need to discuss who should be added to the list. This is a problem for updated membership information, etc. We need to connect with Liz and see how she is handling this. Angie volunteered to help respond to messages if needed.

Hidden Lake Gardens in Tipton is looking for volunteers at their Young Science Day, February 9. This can go on the website and e-notices if Rick will still write e-notices long distance. (Note: the notice was posted to the MSURA website by Anders.)

Annual Meeting (Pam Marcis): The hard copy of reservation form is completed. All is under control.

Social Events (Pam Marcis): Pam went on a trip with the organization we are considering for the Gilmore Car Museum trip and it was excellent. Members of the board in attendance expressed a desire to proceed with the Gilmore event on April 29.

MSU Benefits (Dan Mackey): Dan reiterated to be sure to look at the change in beneficiary process if individuals have a policy. Prudential has sent out notices in how

to look at individual policies. There is a slight change in some copays for prescriptions. There are some discount programs for hearing aids.

Other: Please sign up on the calendar in the office downstairs for office coverage for spring semester.

Bill Anderson attended a meeting at the Meridian Township Senior Center. He was impressed with the facility which seats a lot of people and is where the old Okemos HS was. The event was *Meet the Cops - Cops and Donuts*. The Meridian Township police chief was there. He talked about things that impact seniors. They look for people to assist in the office, people to patrol to make sure those using handicapped spots are authorized, senior watch - people to make sure those living alone are OK, vacation property checks, citizens academy, etc. The board thought a presentation on similar issues would be good for one of our monthly meetings with one of the local police chiefs presenting.

The meeting was adjourned at 11:26 am.