

MSU RETIREES ASSOCIATION BOARD MINUTES
MARCH 6, 2019
125 NISBET BUILDING

ATTENDING: Roger Baldwin, Liz Thomas, Pam Marcis, John Forsyth, Dan Mackey, Ron Smith, Angela Brown, William Anderson, Bruce Smith, Gale Gower

The meeting was called to order at 10:00 am by Vice President Roger Baldwin.

Minutes: Angela Brown moved to approve the January 2019 minutes. William Anderson seconded. Approved.

President's Report: Roger Baldwin for Rick Vogt:

-Straightline has offered to give MSURA \$2,000 toward the Annual Luncheon. They will be acknowledged at the luncheon, and MSURA will send a 'thank you' note.

-We need to recruit more members to help with the organization. Please let Rick and Roger know if you know anyone who might be interested in helping.

-Jacqueline Babcock will be working on the MSURA Volunteer of the Year award.

-The March membership meeting speaker will be Dr. Scott Counts, who will be speaking on Alzheimer's disease and dementia.

-Dr. Udpa, Acting MSU President, will be the speaker at the Annual Luncheon. He will speak for about twenty minutes.

-Roger Baldwin has composed a welcome letter for Dr. Udpa.

-The discussion about paying speakers a stipends was postponed until Rick Vogt and Dave Brower can meet with the board to exchange ideas.

-Roger and William Anderson will write a report summarizing highlights of findings from the membership survey that occurred this year.

--We have three volunteers for the membership meeting in March: Pam Marcis, Angela Brown, and Ron Smith.

-Roger thanked Bruce Smith for taking pictures at the members' meetings and other events.

-The idea has been raised about MSURA holding a volunteer fair for members. There needs to be discussion as to who might be invited to participate. The United Way does have a list of all such organizations in the area. Theresa Kmetz of United Way would be a good contact.

-We will need a photographer for the Theater Department Scene Shop event on

March 25.

Past President's Report: Angela Brown:

-Angela reported that the deadline for submitting applications for the MSURA student scholarship was March 1. She will be in touch with those who volunteered to read the applications.

-We do not yet know how the MSU Board of Trustees has not responded to the information submitted about senior housing on campus.

-There are two open MSURA board positions for At-Large positions up for 2019-2020. The current office holders, William Anderson and Mike Gardner, have expressed interest in continuing in those positions.

Treasurer: Dave Brower: Dave is still unable to attend due to his bad leg break, but sent everyone on the Board the reports from January and February.

-Dave has asked that committees do not commit to major expenses for events until they check with him.

Annual Membership Meeting: Pam Marcis:

-Since we will have remarks from Dr. Udpa, there was discussion about having remarks from other guests. It was decided to acknowledge them both on the luncheon agenda and verbally, but not have them make remarks since the meeting has many items to get through.

-Angela Brown will handle the election of officers.

-We will have three door prizes: MSUFCU gift basket, the center pieces, and St. John's mints.

-There needs to be a vote at the annual meeting on a change to the MSURA bylaws concerning the number of meetings and the months for meetings.

-There will be registration forms for the luncheon at the March membership meeting.

Bus Trip to Kellogg Manor & Gilmore Museum: Pam Marcis:

-We have 50 members signed up for the trip. If more people are interested, they will need to be on a waiting list.

-If this trip goes well, perhaps we could plan more trips, maybe to Detroit, Pewabic Pottery, or other places of interest. Perhaps one trip each semester.

Lugnuts Game May 31: Roger Baldwin:

- We need to start advertising this event. We will have some applications for the March membership meeting.

Communications/Underwriters:

-Straightline has offered to underwrite the luncheon for \$2000.

Office Management: Liz Thomas:

-We need volunteers to cover the office until spring semester ends.

-Liz will arrange the rooms for the membership meetings and the board meetings for next year.

Other Items:

-Angela will update the board members' contact list. Please let her know any changes to your information.

-The new members brochure is out of date. There have been 150 new retirees since last fall that have not received information about MSURA. Angela volunteered to update the brochure and letter for the future retirees, and send out a letter to those who retired so far this year.

The meeting was adjourned at 11:05 am.