

Minutes MSURA

September 4, 2019

Room 125 Nesbit Building

Attending: William Anderson, Jacqueline Babcock, Angela Brown, John Forsyth, Michael Gardner, Dan Mackey, Pam Marcis, Bruce Smith, Ron Smith, Liz Thomas, Rick Vogt

Rick Vogt opened the meeting and reviewed the agenda on behalf of President Roger Baldwin who is traveling.

Minutes (Jacqie Babcock): Angie Brown moved to accept the May 1, 2019 board minutes. Bill Anderson seconded. Approved unanimously.

Annual Meeting Minutes: Angela Brown asked that the May 7, 2019 annual meeting minutes be amended to correct her last name to Brown. Angela moved to accept these minutes with this change. Michael Gardner seconded. Passed unanimously.

President's Report (Rick Vogt on behalf of Roger Baldwin):

- Letter to MSU President Stanley, has been sent.
- Invitation to MSU President Stanley to speak at Annual Meeting.
- Volunteer Fair Event, April 1, 2020, Time TBA. This initiative came out of the member survey. We have \$1,000 budgeted for speaker fees of which only \$350 is currently expected to be sent, to we do have funds for an event like this.

Vice President's Report (Rick Vogt):

- Programs for 2019-2020 are in place. We are waiting on one more possibility.
- International Travel Insurance is available through BC/BS in certain countries. Dan Mackey will see if we can post information in the newsletter.
- Managing MSURA Event Dates. There are a lot of activities taking place and being planned, so we need to keep a running calendar to avoid conflicts.

Treasurer's Report (submitted by Dave Brower in writing for discussion):

June 2019 revenues totaled \$975.37, including \$952 in donations. Expenditures totaled \$739.00, including \$530.87 in printing costs. June 2019 revenues exceeded expenditures by \$236.37.

For fiscal year 18-19 revenues totaled \$20,092.73 and expenditures totaled \$18,589.93, resulting in a net increase in assets as of \$1,502.80. The surplus resulted primarily from the \$2,000 donation from Straightline that helped to underwrite the cost of our annual meeting.

As of June 30, 2019 the MSURA Endowment had a balance of \$111,460.36 an increase of \$366.40 over the prior month. The income account had a balance of \$4,992.58. Under the current MSU Endowment Spending Policy, the two \$2,500 scholarships will be fully funded when the Endowment balance reaches \$114,000.

Rick presented the proposed budget for 2019-2020. Bruce Smith moved to approve the 2019-2020 budget; Jacqie Babcock seconded. Motion passed unanimously.

It was also reported that the August Lugnuts event was a success. Attendees liked it because people could socialize inside and watch the game outside. The consensus was, however, that food service wasn't very good. This was the first time they had tried a buffet. Perhaps we could make a suggestion to improve food offerings.

Board Retreat Discussion (Bill Anderson): Bill talked about the rating sheet which board members should send in for further discussion in October. Rick will change the format to Excel for easier submission and send out to the Board. Please send in a timely matter so results can be tabulated for the next meeting to identify priorities.

Events (Pam Marcis): Pam announced the October 15 bus tour is sold out. Due to a limit of numbers for venues, a second bus could not be scheduled. There is a wait list.

The next trip will be to Grand Rapids to visit Frederick Meijer Gardens for the butterfly house exhibit and the Gerald Ford Museum with lunch in February or March.

Pam brought up dates for her church handing out coats. Discussion ensued about how we inform members of MSURA regarding volunteer opportunities. We receive a lot of requests. It was decided further discussion is needed.

We need to inform Verne Johnson that MSURA will not participate in Old News Boys on campus this year. We can provide a link for members to donate if they wish.

Jacqie reported we will schedule a theatre performance at Williamston Theatre in November. More information will be available soon.

The Annual Meeting and luncheon is scheduled for May 5, 2020 11:30-2:30 PM at the University Club.

MSU Senior Housing Project (Angela Brown): There have been no recent meetings. They have been waiting for the arrival of the new president.

Benefits Open Enrollment (Dan Mackey): It's very simple this year as there are no changes. HR is encouraging people to go online to complete registration. Packets will be sent out October 1. The packet will also be online end of next week. Rates will change a bit, but there are no changes in benefits. There is a new electronic consent form asking registrants to approve receiving electronic forms to save printing costs.

Other:

Outlook conversion for retirees is ongoing. Ron Smith reported he spent hours on this. There are also reports of long delays in receiving emails.

Liz Thomas sent out emails to volunteers not on the board to assist with office coverage. Time slots can vary – morning or afternoon - to be flexible. Rick said we should publish a thank you in the newsletter and recognize these volunteers in the last newsletter for the year.

Pam Marcis suggested to save room in the newsletter that special interest groups do not need to be listed in every newsletter. She suggested September, January and spring.

Rick called attention to a workshop taking place on Navigating the Golden Years at St. Thomas. This is open to the public.

The meeting was adjourned 11:36 AM.

Submitted by Jacqueline Babcock

Secretary