



Minutes from CSUSM Retirees Association Board of Directors Meeting
July 19, 2016

Present: Don Barrett, Treasurer; Arlene Cratsa, RA Coordinator; Brenda Edgington, Secretary; Janet McDaniel, Chair; Sandy Punch, Vice Chair; Stella Clark, Member

Minutes from April 6, 2016 and April 22, 2016 meetings were presented. Sandy Punch made motion to approve both sets of minutes, and seconded by Stella Clark. Motion carried, and minutes were approved.

Agenda for meeting was also approved.

Chair's Report: Janet McDaniel

- Recap of activities
- Annual meeting and luncheon
 - April 22 in Kellogg Reading Room
 - Caterer: Dave Krohn, Chef DK Catering
 - Speaker: Marion Reid on CSUSM history
 - Tour of University Archives with Judith Downie and Dannis Mitchell
 - 38 in attendance (41 RSVP)
 - Revenue received from Eventbrite: \$837.31
 - Total cost of event: \$1,296.52
 - Discussion:
 - Let's find another caterer for future luncheons (Red Hawk Catering?)
 - Ran a deficit and need to break even
 - Look at possibility of getting underwriting for next year
- Mid-month lunches
 - April 14 at Pizza Nova, San Marcos (9 RA members and guests)
 - May 13 at Café Merlot, Rancho Bernardo (19 RA members and guests)
- FERP Workshop panelists
 - May 10 (3 RA members participated)
- Monthly walk at Batiquitos Lagoon on May 18
- Liberty Station excursion
 - June 14 (12 RA members and guests), led by Laurie and Jeff Lindeneau
- Elections: Janet McDaniel (chair) and Don Barrett (treasurer) re-elected for terms ending in 2018
 - 44 voted

Coordinator's Report: Arlene Cratsa

- Membership report: 83 members (34 lifetime, 49 annual)
- Financial report: balance as of July 14, 2016: \$9,397.55
- Communication with CSUSM
 - new brochure: great with a few corrections
 - will be given to HR to hand out
 - some available at workshops, RA meetings
- Website: everything is going well and will list members
- When Tidbits are read, Arlene sees how many open the document, and a good number open it
- format of Tukwut Times discussion
 - change format so newsletter opens right away?
 - is there a virus issue?
 - using PDF is OK
 - keep the format “as is” at present

Old Business

- honoring deceased employees – hopefully Bridgett Keene will follow up for information on Glee Foster
- RA scholarship
 - Marty Gannon couldn't come to this meeting but probably has information about starting a fund and/or providing more information
 - probably not going to fund scholarship now
 - French professor established a scholarship in the name of French student
 - Stella and José Clark established a Spanish language scholarship

Action Items

- Upcoming 2016 activities
 - Cougar Night at Petco Park on July 30 (sponsored by Alumni Association)
 - RA beach party on August 22 at 5:00 pm at Moonlight Beach in Encinitas
 - Sandy will write up information for Tukwut Times
 - will include information about entertainment, parking, what to bring
 - Arts & Lectures Series
 - November 30 at 6:30 pm – “What I Learned from Cesar Chavez: An Evening with Marc Grossman of the Chavez Foundation”
 - RA social hour at 4:30 – Arlene will check around for a location
 - CSUSM Cougar basketball game – wait until schedule comes out
 - Excursion: San Diego Chinese Historical Museum
 - Michael Yee, an RA member, is the Executive Director
 - Arlene to contact Michael about possible dates and times
 - Sandy to check about types of outings offered by Mira Costa College
 - Mid-month lunches will be the first 5 months of 2017
- How to support future retirees during retirement planning stages

- Janet attended San Diego County Healthy Aging Fair
- possibility of one day RA conference (mid-January) on campus
 - keynote speaker
 - breakout sessions – Medicare, Social Security, aging, caregiving
 - PERS workshop
 - RA Life After Retirement workshop
 - possibility of live streaming and/or videotaping
- other items for consideration
 - location
 - date and time
 - working with HR support
 - centralized website information
- Janet to work with Arlene on tentative room reservations
- Janet to arrange a meeting with HR to discuss coordinated efforts
- AROHE Conference on August 14-16 in Seattle
 - Janet to attend
 - Foci: preparing for retirement, building our RA, networking with other RAs
 - next AROHE conference will be in 2018

Tukwut Tidbits

- fall preview of activities
- out beginning of August

Tukwut Times

- Content due September 19 and out end of September
 - Liberty Station excursion – by Laurie Lindeneau
 - Beach party – by Sandy
 - Member profile: Toni Hood
- Upcoming issues
 - Member profile in December: Brenda
 - Member profile in spring: Jan Jackson (Janet McD to check with Jan J.)
- Do You Remember?
 - Blast from the Past: Dynamite blast in the gravel operation
 - Sandy and Don to write
 - Arlene to contact Pat Simpson for information
 - Janet to contact Dannis in Archives for pictures
- Retirement tip
 - Don will write as an AARP volunteer

Other Discussion

- the use of Next Door as a way for RA members to contact each other
 - defining CSUSM campus as our neighborhood
- possibility of a list of resources/articles/books/websites as general interest reference for RA members
 - annotated book list
 - reader's suggestion of reading

Next Board of Directors' meeting: Monday, September 19, 2016, 11:00 am – 1:00 pm

Minutes submitted by
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Secretary