

HOUSTON BAPTIST UNIVERSITY

RETIREES' ASSOCIATION ADMINISTRATIVE BOARD

March 20, 2012

Hinton Center, Room 301

10:30 a.m.

Because of inclement weather, some members were unable to attend. Those present were Don Looser, Candace Desrosiers, Barbara Owens, Ken Rogers, Mary Ellen Spore, Jon Suter, and Ruth Ann Williamson. After the meeting came to order, Candace DesRosiers opened with prayer.

Don Looser summarized the March 19 Town Hall on possible changes in the name of the University. A final decision is expected in the summer.

Minutes for the Administrative Board's meeting of January 17, 2012, were approved. This was the last meeting of the current Board; the next meeting will be on June 12, 2012, with Mary Ellen Spore presiding.

Ruth Ann Williamson, Treasurer, reported that the HBU-funded account has a balance of \$654.00 and the Association's fund has a balance of \$5,091.15. If the costs of the next meeting, etc., exceed \$654.00, any remaining expenditures this fiscal year will come from the Association's fund.

The next meeting of the Association will be at 5:30 p.m., April 13, 2012, with Ron Stone, Jr. as the speaker. The meeting place is Dillon Hall.

A table has been reserved for the University Celebration at 5:15 p.m., in McNair Hall on Friday, April 20, 2012. Confirmed reservations are for Don Looser (2), Mary Ellen Spore (2), Ruthann Williamson (2), Don Byrnes (2), Ken Rogers (1) and Jon Suter (1). The only confirmed retirement so far is Don Teltschik from the Department of Mathematics, but there may be others.

Don Looser reported that the Wellness Center is available at \$20 per month for retirees and \$25 for spouses. An HBU i.d. is not required.

A long discussion of the costs of the luncheons and dinners ensued. Aramark has notified the Association of a rise in costs for catering the events for the next academic year. Some items, such as coffee, desert, and salad, are negotiable, but there is a strong upward trend for food costs. Ken Rogers moved and Ruthann Williamson seconded that the current cost to members of \$5.00 per person remain in place until we have clearer knowledge about rising costs. The Board will monitor this situation closely. A second motion and second called for the Association to ~~absorb~~ the full cost of the spring meeting. This will not be announced to the membership until the night of the dinner. Both motions passed unanimously. Attendees will be urged to pay their 2012-13 dues in lieu of paying for the meal.

The Nominating Committee (Barbara Owens, Chair; Ken Rogers; Harold Raley; and Mary Ellen Spore) report was presented. The slate of candidates for the 2012-14 Administrative Board follows:

Chair: Mary Ellen Spore

Associate Chair and Chair Elect: Ruth Ann Williamson

Secretary: Jon Suter

Treasurer: Ken Rogers

Historian: Ed Best

Membership Chair: Shari Wescott

Hospitality Chair: Becky Greer

Representatives at Large: Jennie Hedger and Judy Elleson

University Liaisons: Candace Desrosiers and Loree Watson

In conclusion, Don Looser thanked the members of the Board for their service and the Board passed a unanimous resolution thanking him for his leadership. The meeting adjourned at 11:50 a.m.