

HOUSTON BAPTIST UNIVERSITY
RETIREES' ASSOCIATION

MINUTES OF THE ADMINISTRATIVE BOARD MEETING
AUGUST 28, 2012
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10:30 AM

Attendees included Mary Ellen Spore, Shari Wescott, Ruth Ann Williamson, Jennie Hedger, Ken Rogers, Candace Desrosiers, Loree Watson, and Becky Greer

After Mary Ellen Spore called the meeting to order, Jennie Hedger led in prayer.

OLD BUSINESS

Candace Desrosiers and Mary Ellen Spore developed a survey in reference to increased cost of meals for members. Aramark has gone up on prices and the University has lowered the Retirees' operating budget from \$2000 to \$1500. The survey will offer the October attendees the opportunity to vote their opinion.

Ruth Ann Williamson confirmed with Sharon Saunders that the Retiree's Association will meet for a reception hosted by President and Mrs. Sloan at the President's Home, Thursday, September 27 from 4:00-5:00. Immediately following the reception from 5:00-6:00 there will be a walk through of the new Fine Arts Museum and the University's growing collection of masterpieces.

Jennie Hedger reported that the first meeting of the HBU Retirees' Book Club has been scheduled. The group will meet four times a year on Thursdays from 11:30-1:30 in Moody Library room LIBRARY 111. The first meeting is November 1 and will be facilitated by Elysee Peavy. The title selected for discussion is THE SENSE OF AN ENDING by Julian Barnes. Dates for the 2012-13 Retirees' Book Club are February 28, 2013; May 2, 2013; August 1, 2013.

Mary Ellen Spore reported that the Retirees' Association will extend an invitation to members of the HBU Executive Council to attend our general meetings.

Mary Ellen Spore reported the by-law revisions that she and Jon Suter have identified. See attached copy of by-law revision proposal. The By-law revisions will be presented to the membership at the October and February meetings. All changes will be updated in the next directory. Ruth Ann Williamson moved and Becky Greer seconded the motion which then passed unanimously.

Shari Wescott has completed a new/updated mailing list that only needs to be proofed. She is working on a database to include membership dues.

NEW BUSINESS:

The procedure for selecting and purchasing memorial books was reviewed. The book

choice is determined by Ann Noble. A request will be sent to Ann Noble that the title be submitted to the board before the purchase is complete.

The procedure for introductions, honoraria and thank you to guest speakers was reviewed. The thank you to accompany the Treasurer's honorarium will be written by the Hospitality Chair.

Mary Ellen Spore read aloud a letter of resignation submitted by Judy Elleson, Member at Large. Judy and her husband are moving to the Hill Country. The members of the Nominating Committee to fill the Member at Large position are Ruth Ann Williamson, Ed Best and Becky Greer.

If you would like to see the group picture taken by Michael Timms, it can be found at this web address:

<http://HBUPhotography.zenfolio.com/p824445545/e298ae5cc>

REPORTS

Secretary, Jennie Hedger for Jon Suter moved for approval of the minutes of the June 21, 2012 Administrative Board meeting. Ken Rogers moved and Shari Wescott seconded the motion which then passed unanimously.

Treasurer Ken Rogers reported that "we still have money." As of June 26, 2012 the Retirees' account has \$6251.19 and the University account has \$1292.30. Three checks were written from the University account: memorials for Jerry Moffett and Pat Lassonde and one for general expenditures for Dr. Looser.

Membership Chair, Shari Wescott reported on data base and contacting prospective members during the report on By-law revisions.

Hospitality Chair, Becky Greer reported that sympathy cards were sent to the families of Pat Lassonde and Jerry Moffett; to Eloise Zapalac in memory of her son Scott; and to Dr and Mrs Sloan for the death of their grandchild. Mary Ellen Spore requested that the letters and thank you be read at the October luncheon.

Assistant Chair, Ruth Ann Williamson confirmed that Dr. Christopher Hammons will be the guest speaker at the October luncheon. The topic is "Understanding Electoral Colleges in an Election Year."

Member at Large, Jennie Hedger reported on the Retirees' Book Club during old business.

University Liaisons Candace Desrosiers and Loree Watson had no reports.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

There were no announcements.

The meeting adjourned at ca. 11:35 a.m.