

HOUSTON BAPTIST UNIVERSITY RETIREES' ASSOCIATION

MINUTES OF THE ADMINISTRATIVE BOARD MEETING

June 25, 2013

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10:30 AM

Attendees included Mary Ellen Spore, Ed Best, Candace Desrosiers, Daton Dodson, Becky Greer, Ann Owen, Ken Rogers, Shari Wescott and Ruth Ann Williamson.

Mary Ellen Spore called the meeting to order and Shari Wescott opened with a prayer. Mary Ellen welcomed everyone.

OFFICER REPORTS

The motion to accept the minutes with corrections was made by Daton Dodson and seconded by Ken Rogers.

Treasurer, Ken Rogers reported that there was \$6,451 in the Association's account and \$1,500 in the University account. Mary Ellen requested information on how much money was taken out of the Retiree's account to cover expenses that exceeded the 2012-2013 University budget.

Historian, Ed Best had the archives to be put in the library. There were several items to be added to the archives. Mr. Best gave the archives to Mary Ellen Spore to add the missing information.

Membership Officer, Shari Wescott reported that several of the members had not paid dues for this year and would be sent an e-mail. At this time there are 29 members. New retirees from the University include Bobbie Kropf, Pat Young, and Dr. Michael Bordelon.

Hospitality Officer, Ann Owen will send a card to Dr. David Wehr's family. It was reported that the books "Nineteenth-century Choral Music" was donated to the Library in Dr. Wehr's memory and "Paul and the Early Jewish Encounter with Deuteronomy" for Mr. Jim Furr's memory, father of Dr. James Furr.

Assistant Chair, Ruth Ann Williamson reported that Dr. Reynolds, University Provost, will be the speaker at the October 18th, meeting. The Board will choose the date for the next two meetings. The February meeting will be a music program and there were several suggestions for presenters for the Spring meeting. Some of the suggestions were: 1. A report of the new Film Department, 2. Dr. James Steen on the new recruitment policies at the University, 3. An off campus personality maybe from Channel 2 and 4. The new Dean of Nursing to speak about the Nursing Program at HBU. Ruth Ann will report to the Board in August about the spring program.

Member-at-Large, Jennie Hedger was not in attendance. Mary Ellen reported on the Book Club meeting reviewing the book "Inferno", Dan Brown. The next meeting will be on August 1, 2013. Everyone was encouraged to come.

Member-at-Large, Daton Dodson was acknowledged and thanked for his input and observations.

University Liaison, Candace Desrosiers reported that there was no change in the Executive Council and will send a report to Mary Ellen Spore. Candace also announced that the date for next year's Celebration Dinner will be April 11, 2014.

University Liaison, Loree Watson was not in attendance.

OLD BUSINESS

Student Success Center: Megan Mueller, Director of the Academic Success Center, gave a presentation on the mission of the Student Success Center. This is one of the funding opportunities under consideration by the Board. Ms. Mueller shared the history of the rapidly growing Success Center. She reported that it was a free service and at present there are 35 student tutors assisting with tutorial sessions. Students needing tutoring can book a ½ to 1 hour session with plans for on-line support and a writing center. Tutors are currently paid minimum wage. This service has been on campus for one year. Funding by the Retirees' Association would enable the Success Center to provide a certification process for ten tutors, more hours and a pay increase from \$7.25/hour to \$9.50/hour. The amount needed for this assistance is \$3,000.

Retirees' Association Scholarship:

Ken Rogers reported on Scholarships with suggestions of maybe a Music scholarship, Art scholarship, or Athletic scholarship. It need not be talent based.

The selected opportunity will be reported at the Fall Retirees' Meeting in October for approval.

NEW BUSINESS

The date for the Fall Retirees' Meeting will be October 18th and will be a luncheon. The date set for the next Board Meeting will be August 20th, Tuesday, at 10:30a.m. February 21st is the scheduled date for our winter luncheon meeting and April 4th for our spring luncheon meeting. Ed Best made the motion to adopt the meeting dates and Ken Rogers seconded. The motion passed.

Mary Ellen reported that we had received another opportunity to fund a project, by funding retention aid for first generation students. It was decided to table the request for future study.

The meeting was adjourned. Respectfully submitted Becky Greer