

HOUSTON BAPTIST UNIVERSITY RETIREES' ASSOCIATION

MINUTES OF THE ADMINISTRATIVE BOARD MEETING

August 20, 2013

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10:30 AM

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

Mary Ellen Spore called the meeting to order and Ann Owen opened with a prayer.

OFFICER REPORTS

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

Treasurer, Ken Rogers reported that there was \$6,506.85 in the Association's account and \$1,480.58 in the University account.

Historian, Ed Best had the archives to be put in the library. There were several items to be added to the archives such as the minutes for the June meeting.

Membership Officer, Shari Wescott reported that several of the members had not paid dues for this year and would be sent an e-mail and those who do not have e-mail would be sent snail mail. She reported that she had not had any information on Bill Borgers, Hilda Moffett, and Nancy Henderson. She announced Jennie Hedger was moving out of town. Discussion followed concerning the monies collected at the meetings. Do the monies need to be separated into payment for dinner and membership dues? Also an update of the data-base needs to reflect both the membership dues of members and spouses. Candace, Ken, and Shari will explore options concerning how to report the information.

Hospitality Officer, Ann Owen reported that Diana Severance's husband had died and even though they were not in the Retiree's Association, they were family of Houston Baptist University and had sent a card. Ann passed around a thank you letter from Rhonda Furr. Ann reported she had sent a card to Sadie Hodo during her illness.

Assistant Chair, Ruth Ann Williamson reported that Dr. Reynolds will be the speaker at the October 18th, meeting. Bill Balleza will be the speaker for the spring meeting. Dr. John Yarrington and the King's Men will be the program for February.

Member-at-Large, Jennie Hedger reported that November 21st will be the date of the Book Club meeting and the book to be read is "Paris" by Edward Rutherfurd. The meeting time will be 11:30 a.m. to 1:30 p.m. at the parlor in the Lake House. The dates for future book club meetings are as follows: Thursday, February 27th, Thursday, May 1st, and Thursday, August 7th.

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

University Liaison, Candace Desrosiers reported upcoming event, football on September 24th at 7:00 p.m.

University Liaison, Loree Watson was not in attendance.

OLD BUSINESS

Continued discussion concerning funding the Academic Success Center followed. It was discussed that the Academic Success Center would help more students than one scholarship. Ken Rogers reported that \$705.72 is what the Association spent beyond the University budget. With a maximum of \$1000.00 for normal expenses that still gives us \$5,000.00 from the Retiree's Account to contribute to a specific funding opportunity. The Board had several questions that need to be answered concerning the Academic Success Center such as: one year commitment, how many students the Center helped, does the Center work for the students, and accountability. It was decided that a report would be given at the end of the year detailing the success of the Center. Ken Rogers made the motion to fund \$2,000.00 to the Academic Success Center now at the beginning of the academic year and not wait for the general meeting to approve the funding as this would delay giving the money until the next semester. Ann Owen seconded the motion contingent on the one-year commitment and reported success at the end of the academic year. The motion passed with one opposing vote. The Chair will report the decision to the general meeting in October. Candace Desrosiers announced that the Success Center might also aid in the retention of first- generation college students. Ken Rogers will contact Loree Watson to transfer funds to the Center. Director of the Success Center, Megan Mueller, will be invited to report on the Center and perhaps bring some of the tutors.

NEW BUSINESS

Candace Desrosiers presented as a possibility to attend the homecoming football game of November 11 with Texas A&M Commerce. A shuttle will carry members from HBU to Strake Jesuit High School for the game at 3:00 p.m. Tickets are \$10.00 and some seats can be set aside for the Retiree's Association. The idea will be presented at the next meeting in October for the general members. It would show our support of the new football program and be a lot of fun. Candace also announced that a free concert by the Houston Symphony will be presented in the Cultural Arts Center on January 18, 2014 at 7:30 p.m.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

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, Tuesday, January 14th at 10:30a.m. February 21st is the scheduled date for our winter luncheon meeting and April 4th for our spring luncheon meeting. The meeting was adjourned.

Respectfully submitted, Becky Greer

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