

HOUSTON BAPTIST UNIVERSITY RETIREES' ASSOCIATION

MINUTES OF THE ADMINISTRATIVE BOARD MEETING

March 18, 2014

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10:30 AM

Attendees included Mary Ellen Spore, Ed Best, Daton Dodson, Becky Greer, Ann Owen, Ken Rogers, Jon Suter, Loree Watson, Shari Wescott and Ruth Ann Williamson.

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

OFFICER REPORTS

Secretary, Becky Greer presented the minutes from the March 18th administrative board meeting. Mary Ellen asked for a motion to accept the minutes with corrections, which was made by Ken Rogers and seconded by Daton Dodson. The motion passed. The minutes will be sent to the new chair, Ruth Ann Williamson.

Treasurer, Ken Rogers reported that there was \$4,751.64 in the Association's account and \$0 in the University account. Dr. Suter made the motion to approve the treasurer's report, and it was seconded by Ed Best. The motion passed.

Historian, Ed Best asked what needed to be in the archives. Mary Ellen stated that letters to members, agendas, minutes, financial reports and any pertinent information would be included in the archives. It was also reported that the new year will start June 1st, and the archives need to reflect a new year.

Membership Officer, Shari Wescott reported that several of the members had not paid dues for this year and would be sent an e-mail. Those who do not have e-mail would be sent snail mail. If any Board members have new addresses for members or perspective members please give them to Shari. There were several letters that had been returned for incorrect addresses and also an e-mail address came back. Shari has received a letter to cease sending information about the Retirees' Association to one member. She also reported that we have several new members. It was suggested that someone talk to Doug Gehreman. Mary Ellen asked if Dr. Joe Blair and Tina Turner would be attending, but it was reported that Dr. Blair had classes, and Tina was ill; therefore neither would attend.

Hospitality Officer, Ann Owen reported that a thank you letter had been sent to John Yarrington. It was reported that Kathleen Strom had passed away. Ann will send a card to her family and contact Ann Noble at the library for a book selection to donate in Kathleen's name.

Assistant Chair, Ruth Ann Williamson reported that Bill Balleza will be the speaker for the spring meeting. A motion was made by Daton Dodson that an honorarium be given to Mr. Balleza's charity. Ann Owens seconded the motion and it passed. There followed a discussion concerning to offer a gift to the speakers. A motion was made by Daton Dodson and seconded by Ann Owen not to give gifts to speakers. The motion passed.

Member-at-Large, Dr. Jon Suter announced that the Club time will be 11:30 a.m. to 1:30 p.m. at the parlor at the Lake House, soon to be renamed Doug and Sadie Hodo Residence College. The date for the next Book Club meeting will be Thursday, May 1st. The book for the May Book club meeting is a non-fiction book, The Monuments Men by Robert M. Edsel. The book has been made into a movie and tells the little known story of

a small group of Allied soldiers who prevent the Nazis from hoarding European art treasures during World War II. Please join the group for a lively discussion.

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

University Liaison, Loree Watson announced that the Retirees' Association had purchased a table for the end of year celebration on May 2nd. If anyone is interested in attending please contact Mary Ellen or Ruth Ann .A question was raised about transferring of funds from the Retirees' account for such things as to request an honorarium or to pay a bill. Loree suggested that the request could be sent to her at lwatson@hbu.edu and she would facilitate the request.

OLD BUSINESS

Mary Ellen announced that the director of the Academic Success Center sent her an e-mail giving an update of the program. Ms. Mueller will report on the Academic Success Center's progress at the April Meeting and also bring a student.

Mary Ellen asked the Board suggested it might be appropriate to invite the new retirees to the April meeting. *The suggestion was approved, and it was decided that members of the Board would call or e-mail the new retirees and invite them.*

Daton Dodson chair of the Nominating Committee for 2014-2016 officers, thanked the members of his committee, Shari Wescott, Ruth Ann Williamson, and Harold Raley for their service. He then presented the new slate of officers:

Ruth Ann Williamson	Chair
Don Byrnes	Assistant Chair
Linda Brupbacher	Secretary
Daton Dodson	Treasurer
Ed Best	Historian
Shari Wescott	Membership Officer
Ann Owen	Hospitality Officer
Jon Suter	Member-at-Large
Harold Raley	Member-at-Large
Candace Desrosiers	University Liaison
Loree Watson	University Liaison

NEW BUSINESS

The price of the luncheon or dinner is very affordable, but we need the cooperation of the members to RSVP the week before the meal to signify if they are attending or not. We need the numbers to order the correct amount of food and tables. At the January meeting the Association had over ordered for the meal, and therefore due to several members not attending, had to cover the cost of several meals. Mary Ellen asked the Board to suggest ideas for improving reservations to the meal. Several ideas were suggested such as on-line reservations paid with a credit card or including a payment method in the letter to members. The consensus was that more discussion was needed, and the suggestion was tabled for the next meeting.

Mary Ellen asked if the Retirees' Association wanted to be added to the larger list of the Alumni Association. Daton Dodson made the motion to not be added to the list due to the fact that most of the members were not Alumni. Ken Rogers seconded the motion, and it was passed.

Please be thinking of programs for next year. Please contact Ruth Ann with any ideas. Also be thinking about whether to have luncheons or dinners. This will be covered at the next meeting.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

The Lake House is to be renamed Doug and Sadie Hodo Residence College on Monday, April 28th 2014 at 2:00 p.m. It was reported that the Retirees gift to the Academic Success Center was mentioned in the on-line "Advancing the Vision" website and quoted the chair Mary Ellen Spore. Mary Ellen thanked the board for all their hard work and was honored to have served with them.

The meeting was adjourned.

Respectfully submitted Becky Greer