

HOUSTON BAPTIST UNIVERSITY RETIREES' ASSOCIATION

MINUTES OF THE ADMINISTRATIVE BOARD MEETING

June 10, 2014, HINTON 300, 10:30 AM

Attendees: Ruth Ann Williamson, Linda Brupbacher, Harold Raley, Ed Best, Daton Dodson, Ann Owen, Jon Suter, Loree Watson, Shari Wescott, Don Byrnes, Candice Desrosiers

WELCOME, OPENING PRAYER AND INTRODUCTION OF OFFICERS

Ruth Ann Williamson called the meeting to order, welcomed everyone, prayed, and read Galatians 5:13 which includes "through love serve one another." She expressed appreciation for each board member and solicited their assistance in helping her make this a good year for the Retirees Association. Harold Raley, Linda Brupbacher and Don Byrnes are new on the board this year. The board members then introduced themselves:

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

OFFICER REPORTS

Secretary, Linda Brupbacher will begin at this meeting. Former secretary, Becky Greer, had distributed minutes from the March 18 meeting electronically.

Treasurer, Daton Dodson reported that as of June 1, 2014 there was \$4,443.61 in the Association's account and \$1,500.00 in the University account.

Historian, Ed Best will continue to archive pertinent information with the archives reflecting a new year each June 1.

Membership Officer, Shari Wescott distributed a membership report that listed 25 paid members (5 of those spouses) and 38 members from the previous year who have not yet paid 2014 dues. Dues are \$15.00 for a couple and \$10.00 for an individual.

Hospitality Officer, Ann Owen reported that she sent a card to the family of Kathleen Strom and placed a book in the library in her memory. A thank you letter has been received from her daughter Carol Strom Fehr.

Assistant Chair, Don Byrnes described his plans for the three programs during the 2014-2015 school year. The October meeting will focus on information about the University; the February meeting will involve a musical performance; and the April meeting will feature an outside speaker. Each meeting will also include a "Five Minute Word from our Sponsors" segment which features information about HBU. In October, R. E. "Corky"

Dragoo, HBU'S Assistant Vice President for Asset Development, will speak about visions, plans and changes at HBU. During the "Five Minute Word from our Sponsor" segment, James Steen will share about the class of 2018.

Member-at-Large, Dr. Jon Suter announced the dates for the three book club meetings: August 7, February 26 and May 7. The August 7 meeting in the parlor of the Sadie and Doug Hodo Residence College (formerly the Lake House) will feature a discussion of Sue Monk Kidd's *The Invention of Wings*.

University Liaison, Loree Watson announced her new title.

OLD BUSINESS

The minutes of the March 18 Board Meeting were approved as amended after Jon Suter motioned to accept the minutes as amended and Daton Dodson seconded his motion.

The continuation of the \$2,000.00 contribution to help the Academic Success Center pay salaries and provide raises was tabled until the next meeting. Jon Suter made the motion and Daton Dodson seconded it. The Academic Success Center is moving from the third floor of the Hinton Building to the Learning Commons on the ground floor of the library.

As in the past, retirees will receive a letter from the president inviting them to the fall meeting. Ruth Ann will send a letter and email that encourage them to attend the October 10 luncheon and to pay their 2014-2015 dues. Luncheons will continue to be held from 11:30-1:00 in Dillon II. The option of online reservations and payment for luncheons (that was tabled at the March meeting) was approved. It was decided that there would be an option to RSVP and pay online as well as RSVP'ing through Linda Clark. Paying online before the luncheon would result in a \$3.00 price discount: a cost of \$7.00 rather than the \$10.00 price at the door. Don Byrnes made this motion and Ann Owen seconded it. Candace will help put this online system in place.

Duties of board members were discussed and contact information for each member was acquired. As was done for the spring meeting, board members will contact new retirees and invite them to join the Association and attend the October luncheon.

NEW BUSINESS

The next book club will be a discussion of Sue Monk Kidd's *The invention of Flying* on August 7 in the Parlor of the Sadie and Doug Hodo Residence College from 11:30-1:30.

Luncheon dates, which were confirmed through email by Candice, will be October 10, February 13 and April 10. Board meeting dates will be August 12, January 13, and March 10.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

University Liaison, Candice Desrosiers described camps that will be happening at HBU this summer as well as the availability of football season tickets in a section with seat backs for \$100. The first football game will be September 7.

The meeting was adjourned.

Respectfully submitted by Linda Brupbacher, Secretary