

Houston Baptist University  
Retirees' Association

Minutes of October 10, 2014 Luncheon Meeting in Dillon II of the Hinton Building

The meeting was called to order at 11:30 by Chair Ruth Ann Williamson. She welcomed everyone and introduced guests and new members. After recognition of special guests, Don Byrnes gave the invocation. Mon 'Sher Spencer then introduced the HBU's cheerleaders who led cheers. As the "A Word from our Sponsors" part of the program, James Steen and Eduardo Borges presented an update about the University: the 615 students in the freshman class are the largest number since 2009. Their mean SAT is 1067. After lunch, Don Byrnes introduced the keynote speaker, Corky Dragoo, who clearly and graphically presented the master plan for HBU.

### **Officer Reports**

*Secretary. Former secretary, Becky Greer,* presented the minutes from the April 4, 2014 luncheon meeting which were approved as printed.

*Treasurer, Daton Dodson,* reported that there was \$1,117.21 in the University account and \$4,453.62 in our Retirees' account.

*Assistant Chair, Don Byrnes,* overviewed the program plans for the remaining meetings this year: Dr. Sloan in February and Dr. Bob Linder in April. Dr. Linder will present a view of Houston from the conductor's podium.

*Membership Officer, Shari Wescott,* presented an update on membership and asked that any needed edits in the Retirees Directory be reported to her.

*Hospitality Officer, Ann Owen,* reported that sympathy cards have been sent to Dr. Bill Crittenden's widow Jeanette and to Jean Anderson's husband.

*Member-at-Large, Harold Raley,* reported that Jerry and Virginia Gaultney are now living in Austin.

### **Old Business**

Funding for HBU's Academic Success Center was tabled until 2015. The importance of reservations for luncheon meetings and members honoring those reservations by attending was discussed and emphasized. Reserved meals must be paid for by the organization whether or not the member attends.

## **New Business**

*Luncheon price.* Increasing the luncheon price and offering a discount for paying before the RSVP date was discussed. Based on a motion by Ken Rogers that was seconded by Don Byrnes, it was decided that the luncheon cost will be \$10.00 if one pays at the door, but there will be a \$3.00 discount so the cost will be \$7.00 if payment is made by the designated RSVP deadline. The payment may be made online with a credit card or by sending a check that is received by the deadline.

## **Announcements**

The next Book Club meeting will be November 20, 2014 from 11:30am – 1:00 pm in the parlor of the Hodo Residence College. *The Signature of All Things* by Elizabeth Gilbert will be discussed. Members are encouraged to check the HBU website for University news.

## **Adjournment**

The meeting was adjourned.

Respectfully submitted by Linda Brupbacher, Secretary.