

**Minutes – Fall Luncheon | Retirees' Association**  
**October 23, 2015 | Hinton Center, Dillon II | 11:30am**

Call to order – Ruth Ann Williamson

Welcome – Ruth Ann Williamson

Introduction of Guests and New Members – Ruth Ann Williamson

Invocation – Harold Raley

Introduction of Tommy Bambrick, “The Capital Campaign” – Don Byrnes

- Discussed the campaign – “Seize the Moment” projects
- Updated on current totals - \$38M grand total | \$41M with verbal commitments

Introduction of Speaker, Chris Hammons, “Center for Law and Liberty” – Don Byrnes

Using PowerPoint, Dr. Chris Hammons gave background and introduced the current School of Humanities faculty. As dean, Hammons has been working to package the Humanities to students and parents in terms of outcomes - what students will do after graduation. Largest major in Humanities is Legal Studies. Other new majors: Great Texts and Medical Humanities. New minors: Criminal Justice, Family Studies and Latin American Studies. Center for Law & Liberty at HBU: Research shows a lack of basic government knowledge and has led to a number of initiatives: book talks with students, teacher trainings, speakers come to campus, and participation in community activities as a means for outreach. A campaign has begun to build a replica of Independence Hall on campus. Hammons discussed the building and how it could be used – classes, student field trips, faculty offices and banquet hall.

Officer Reports:

Secretary - (Linda Brupbacher / absent)

- Approval of minutes:
  - Jon Suter made motion
  - Daton Dodson second

Treasurer – Daton Dodson

- \$380 available balance in operating fund
- \$5,021.07 available in restricted account

Historian – Ed Best – no report

Assistant Chair, Don Byrnes

- Jan. 29 – Dr. Diana Severance – speaker for next lunch
- Homework: Who from Rotterdam did something 500 years ago?

Membership officer, Shari Wescott

- 36 members
- 41 paid in 2014 that still need to pay
- Paperless Post – Sending out information via email
- Directory – has extra copies

Hospitality – Ann Owen

- Cards:
  - Becky Greer - book placed in library in memory of John Greer (military history book)
  - Ken Rogers
- Former faculty / staff that have passed away in recent months:
  - Mary Lang
  - Ruth Strittmatter – taught piano and voice

Member-at-Large – Jon Suter

- Book Club:
  - James Patterson's Zoo is next book for book club.
  - November 19, 11:30am-1pm
  - Parlor of Hodo Residence College

University Liaison – Loree Watson | Candace

- Notable Nights fundraising dinner in December to benefit choir tours

#### Old Business:

Directory cover – Looser Fountains are named for Elsa Jean & Don Looser.

Registration concerns – two problems – Joan DeRooy / Mary Ellen Spore | Spore was able to do it once link was emailed to click for registration.

#### New Business:

Candace Desrosiers received a title change - Assistant Vice President of University Relations.

Receptions prior to football games – Dunham College of Business – 10/24 / Nursing – 10/31 / Education – 11/21

Upcoming Book Club dates: February 25, May 5 and Aug 24

Please note that the next lunch is in McNair Hall.

Group signed a page for Dr. Morris's Birthday book. He will be 96 on Oct. 28. Founder's Day Convocation will be dedicated to him, and everyone is invited to a special lunch (\$5) in the Baugh Dining Hall.

Adjournment – Ruth Ann Williamson read a poem about autumn.