

HOUSTON BAPTIST UNIVERSITY RETIREES' ASSOCIATION
MINUTES OF THE June 9, 2015 ADMINISTRATIVE BOARD MEETING
HINTON HOUSE, 10:30 AM

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

OPENING PRAYER

After members enjoyed kolaches and fruit provided by Tommy Bambrick, Ruth Ann Williamson called the meeting to order. She then voiced the opening prayer.

OFFICER REPORTS

Assistant Chair Don Byrnes proposed three programs for the upcoming year: (1) Chris Hammons to speak about the Center for Law and Liberty and the proposed facsimile of Independence Hall that will house the Center on our campus; (2) Michael Collins to speak about what's happening in Art and about the Master of Fine Arts (in conjunction with viewing a student art show); and (3), Director of the HBU Dunham Bible Museum and the author of *Feminine Threads: Women in the Tapestry of Christian History* (Christian Focus, 2011). These were accepted as the three program topics

Minutes. The minutes of the August 10, 2015 Administrative Board Meeting (submitted by Ann Owen) and of the April 10, 2015 Association Meeting (submitted by Becky Greer) were approved subject to corrections.

Treasurer Daton Dodson presented the Treasurer's Report. The Standard account has \$44,242.07. The account funded by the university has \$1,500.00.

Membership Officer Shari Wescott reported that, in conjunction with Candace Desrosiers, she is correcting the membership data base.

Hospitality Officer Ann Owen reported that she sent a "thinking of you" card to Eloise Zapalac.

Member at Large Jon Suter reported that the next Book Club meeting will be in August. The book will be Erik Larson's *Dead Wake: The Last Crossing Of The Lusitania*.

He also shared that HBU IT is encouraging people to be vigilant about computer security.

University Liaison Candace Desrosiers has been promoted to Assistant Vice President of University Relations. She stated that HBU is hosting summer camps and preparing for fall football. She suggested that the retirees attend the student production of the Messiah during the day on December 4. It was decided that retirees would be sent a Paperless Post invitation and have a reserved section where they can sit together.

University Liaison Loree Watson reported that the number of students was down slightly this summer and looking good for fall. She indicated that a new budget year has begun.

OLD BUSINESS

Luncheon meeting response and registration. Members praised the ease of online reservation for the April 10, luncheon meeting. More people used the online reservation process than did so for the previous luncheon.

NEW BUSINESS

Meeting dates for future Board and Association meetings. The Board will continue to meet at 10:30 on designated Tuesdays at the Hinton House. Upcoming meetings were initially scheduled for September 1, January 12 and March 8. Association luncheons will be October 23, February 5 and April 22. However, because of scheduling conflicts a subsequent email changed the luncheon dates to October 23, January 29, and April 8.

Procedures for flowers and End-Of-Year Celebration. There was a consensus that the processes that have been used in the past were appropriate and that no formally adopted written procedures are needed.

Project funding. A letter from Rick Ogden about possible projects was distributed. Additionally Jon Suter suggested that providing some financial support for the choir trip to Europe might also be an option worthy of consideration. Determination of a specific project (or projects) for the Retirees Association was tabled until the January Board Meeting.

Complementary first meals for new retirees. It was decided that the practice of inviting new retirees and making their first luncheon complementary should be continued. Susan Cook and any other new retiree will be invited to the September luncheon.

ADJOURNMENT. The meeting was adjourned at 11:30.

Respectfully submitted by Linda Brupbacher, Secretary.