



Northwest Retiree Association

Fall 2018 Meeting of the Association

December 4, 2018, 10:00 AM – 12:00 Noon - Alumni House

Minutes

Attendees: George Gille, Margret Drew, Karen Schaffer, Johanna Fairchild, Joan Schneider, Jeanette Whited, Nancy Hardee, Rosalie Weatherman, Louise Horner, Channing Horner, John Shaw, Sandi Cox, John Brekke, Mike Graham, Steve Sutton, Bonnie Sutton, Mike O'Neil, Anne Brekke, Bob Dewhirst, Marvin Hoskey, Karen Hoskey, Jim Eiswert, Ray Courter, Richard Fulton, Janice Brandon-Falcone, Jolaine Zweifel

Welcome: Janice Brandon Falcone

Initiating Team: Ray Courter, Jim Eiswert, Janice Brandon Falcone, Rich Fulton, Jolaine Zweifel

Guest: Brenda Untied, Advancement Database Research and Communication Specialist, University Alumni Mark Hornickel, Communication Manager and Alumni Manager Editor
Greg Hanson, Assistant VP in Student Affairs in Campus Recreation

Greg Hanson led discussion of the ideas concerning Hughes Field House and NW Retiree Association

Connect NWRA with what's happening at Northwest, Establish formal/informal relationships or programs, Walking Program, agreement with the city, to help fund the Hughes Center, Person who has a membership at the Community Center is eligible to walk at the Hughes Center from 6am to 1pm each day. Bare minimum Walking Pass from the Community Center. Pass cost \$52 per year, NW Retirement benefit to come in and walk and help with Northwest Questions

Status Report: Jim Eiswert

Over 100 retirees have signed up to join the association, pleased with the initial response; Challenges with finding everyone via email and snail mail; The best way to get the word out is through members - by word of mouth; Website. <http://www.nwmissouri.edu/alumni/nwretirees/>; Survey Report is now posted at: <https://sway.office.com/dMlamJjQIBYEWC9I?ref=Link>; We want to make sure all retirees in the Northwest community are looked after, engaged with, taking care of and working together to continue our relationship with the community and the university; Walking through the Survey, questions and responses walk through; suggested question to ask on the survey? How do you keep connected with Northwest? Should we be using Social Media to help keep retirees connected? Facebook? The Survey shows interest in Facebook usage but definitely not Twitter; Membership Definition: Any retired person vested in the University retirement system, and retired, can be a member of the Retirement association as well as their spouse.

Current Plans: Janice Brandon-Falcone

Northwest Email account – establishing of email accounts for members, for better contacts, information flow, and outreach there will be term of use; Development of online directory for retirees; Newsletter - Need members input for the newsletter; David McLaughlin has volunteered to assist with the newsletter; need stories from the members; stories and photos can be uploaded to website: [Submission](#)

[Form](#); Sub-chapters: Maybe sub chapters of the retiree association like in Kansas City or Omaha with opportunities to get together; Socrates' Café - a forum that happens regularly in a public place where we can gather to discuss issues of concerns. Special speakers to present ideas on issues to do the lead off and then breaking in groups to dialog with each other, open up to the university community and the wider community to sound out ideas and dialog with each other. Engage each other in open and frank and honest and friendly conversation. Hope to start this spring semester. This is a way of keeping the dialog going to help transform Maryville and our culture. Link to the schedule to the Socrates café.; Homecoming - next Homecoming: The retiree association to be a participant in the Fall 2019 Homecoming Parade to let people know that we are here and not going away. Seating area to watch the Homecoming Parade for the NW Retirees; Other Groups/ Activities - Walking groups, Model Railroading, Other ideas; Contact us at the nwretirees@nwmissouri.edu.

Stretch Goals: Ray Courter

Chapters in other locals, following the Alumni model – let us know your ideas on how we can structure these; Outreach to members in need. Retirement is a new beginning, always a moment of needing help. - Somehow a way to connect people that might help get pass that moments of uncertainty; Scholarship program. We would like to be a part of some scholarship program; Some kind of fund raising for scholarship; A way to help in some new program or some growing need; Retirement facilities in Maryville, 2007-08, working with private developer in conversation for a retirement community. Pick up on this conversation and move forward. Maybe this group might find this an interesting thing to begin to undertake in the future. There is something to build on from earlier.

Other Ideas: Janice Brandon-Falcone

Retiring with no ability for transportation. List of other to help with transportation; Retirement seminar – invite retirees to share their experiences especially dealing with information on Medicare... Can we participate in the university's retirement presentation? To help mentor and share the reality of the. Medical bills ... Discussion on Medicare, critical decision to make and narrow time table to make these decisions. Even using this as a topic for our association; Computer network and services – support within the retiree association that can assist others; What is the expertise of the members of the Association? Share this information.

Organization Structure: Richard Fulton

We need to establish the official form of the organization; Establish a board with more members than the organizing group; Establish charter, bylaws; Call for members to 'sign up' for board or other leadership roles; Emphasis on a decentralized group; Issue of dues (down the road); Frequency of meetings (twice a year, or other)

Meeting Adjourned