



Northwest Retiree Association

Northwest Retiree Association Board

Spring Meeting

May 9, 2019

Alumni House 1-3 pm

Attendees: Jim Eiswert, Rich Fulton, Ray Courter, Karen Schaffer, Rego Jones, Janice Brandon-Falcone, Rosalie Weathermon, Nancy Hardee, Brenda Untiedt

Welcome: Jim Eiswert called the meeting to order with a request to approve the agenda, which was easily given. He then called for approval of the Minutes for the May 2, 2019 Spring Meeting, which was also given with some corrections. Rosalie suggested an amendment to the minutes regarding that section on the "Question of Dues" and Karen corrected the spelling of her name.

Reports: Jim reported on membership numbers and passed out a spreadsheet listing most of those who have activated their membership. Janice added two more names to the list, Barbara Heusel and Dennis Moore for a total of 152 members.

Jim also reported on meeting with the Provost Council on the previous day, May 8, 2019.

Jim also reported on the Committee Sign-up Lists that were passed out at the general meeting the week before. Some Committees (Communication) had no one sign up and the Board authorized Jim to ask people to serve.

Business

- A. There was a lively discussion of dues and how we were to proceed. After much discussion, Rich moved that we have an annual due of \$10/year or \$15 for a couple on a fiscal year basis beginning July 1st each year. The motion was seconded and approved. After a motion passed regarding the design of a membership card, Jim and Jolaine will work with Brenda on the creation of a membership card that can be emailed to members and also a phrasing description of the dues procedure. The motion to amend the By-Laws to reflect the position on Dues passed also.
- B. The Board voted affirmatively to empower Jim, Jolaine and Brenda to modify the website to reflect Board approved changes that would include an archive of documents, meeting minutes and updated photos.
- C. Another discussion covered the list of "Projects" that the Board considered. The projects included a Community Education Program that would develop a system for offering Mini-Courses to the local community. Other Projects included Socrates Café, a project involving a one-night conversation about topics of interest and inviting people to present on topics such as Social Justice. In addition, the Board discussed Retiree Needs Outreach Program and decided that fell under the Benefits Committee's purview. Jeff Ferguson is on that committee and will be informed regarding that research. It was suggested that Dr. Sue Myllykangas should be invited to help with some of that research. The Board authorized Jim to recontact the Maryville Citizens for Community Action group to see how our organization might get involved. A few service opportunities were discussed: Assistance to University/Department events and Availability for Substitute Classes and it was suggested we send those to the Communications Committee to follow up on. Jim volunteered to follow up on the Email question with Nola who supervises the IT area. Northwest retirees who activate their membership in the NWRA will have the option to retain or regain their Northwest email accounts. This is not in place yet but will be, hopefully by this summer.

- D. In Other business, Karen was asked to draw up a list of “fun” things that association members might do together. She will report on her list at a later meeting. Rosalie also volunteered to draw up a list of resources for retired or aging people to post on the association’s website.
- E. The December General meeting was set for December 4, 2019, from 10 –Noon, after the Holiday Coffee that occurs that morning. It was suggested that we sponsor an appreciation luncheon and Jim volunteered to find funding for that event. It was decided that the Board meet sometime in August or September to discuss our presence at Homecoming activities. Janice was asked to plan some Homecoming activities and she suggested we walk in the parade with a banner identifying us. Rego volunteered to ask Rod Coutts to create a banner for us. A brief discussion of the brochure redesign ensued.
- F. A motion was made and seconded to adjourn and the meeting adjourned shortly before 3 pm.