

FERRIS STATE UNIVERSITY EMERITI ASSOCIATION
Board Meeting Minutes
August 4, 2008

Members present: Tom Cook, Theresa Foust, Charles Hurt, Jim Jacobs, Barb Johnson, Bob Leach, Walt Luecke, Mary Kay Maclver, John McCoy, Brenda Vasicek

Meeting was called to order at 10:07am by Brenda Vasicek, President.

Announcements: Jim Jacobs has a new email address: jacobsj418@yahoo.com. Barb Johnson will be representing the Emeriti at the September Alumni Board meeting as neither Brenda Vasicek, nor Bob Leach, will be available.

Secretary's Report: Minutes of the July meeting were accepted with correction: September 10, a Coffee Talk will be hosted by Brenda and Jackie and Richard Perrin, and will be held at Brenda's home at 17622 Indian Village Road.

Treasurer's Report: \$1,160.39 balance

Mary Kay Maclver, Alumni Office Liaison, reported that major changes have been made to the Emeriti web site, including the addition of minutes and new EA officers. New Emeriti members will find general information regarding their status and Emeriti benefits on the web site. She has received 35 requests from Emeriti for Lotus accounts. Upcoming events include the Alumni Board meeting on September 13 and Homecoming on October 18.

Committee Reports:

Social – Walt Luecke reported that all arrangements were in place for the picnic to be held on Aug 6 at Hemlock Park at 11:30am. The Alumni Office will be furnishing the chicken. The Fall Luncheon will be held October 8 at Falcon Head Golf Course.

Service – Emeriti members: Matt Brechja, Bob Ferguson, Carol Large and Nancy Stechsulte were listed as having health concerns. Brenda will pass on the info to Jim Lindsey who was not present.

Professional Concerns – no report

Membership/Directory - Send updates to Dick Perrin, Brenda Vasicek, or Mary Kay Maclver so the information can be put in the newsletter and updated in the files.

Publicity – Jim Jacobs expressed need for ideas to publish meetings of the Emeriti group now that his main source, FYI, is electronic mail. He was concerned that all members were not getting notification of activities. It was agreed that the Newsletter was a good source and he should continue his usual good job.

Newsletter – Deadline for September issue is August 20. Send info to Dick Perrin by email, snail mail or phone.

Old Business:

Brenda and Mary Kay are working on a packet for New Emeriti. New Emeriti named at the July 08 Board of Trustees meeting were: Joan Rider-Becker, College of Pharmacy; Calla Dean, Telecommunications; Richard Duffett, Vice President for Administration and Finance and University Advancement and Marketing; Philip Stich, Mathematics; John Watkins, Humanities; and Penny Wheeler, Languages & Literature.

Tom Cook is working on EA logo possibilities.

Results of the Senate Emeriti Committee survey are posted on the internet.
www.ferris.edu/htmls/administration/academicaffairs/vpoffice/senate/senesecomm.emeritisurvey.pdf

New Business

Nineteen Emeriti have volunteered for tutoring this Fall Semester. More information will be available in the September Newsletter.

Brenda suggested that all Board officers and committee chairs write down their job descriptions and schedule of activities so that information can be compiled in a note book that will be available to new Board members after their election. She also expressed a need for meetings between the new and previous officers at the time of election for information, help and planning in the transition.

When there is a Retirement Party, it was suggested that representatives from the Emeriti group try to be present. This may help in the transition and welcome to the Emeriti Association.

A question was asked about the Display case in the Emeriti Board Room. It is the responsibility of the Bookstore to maintain it with Ferris items.

There was some discussion regarding a fund raiser to be able to offer student scholarships. Most members present felt that if anyone wanted to contribute to FSU, they usually did so on their own or through their own department.

Next meeting will be Monday, September 8, at 10:00 in the Emeriti Board Room. Please note the change of date as the regular date (first Monday of each month) occurs on a holiday, Labor Day.

Adjournment was at 11:08am.

Respectfully Submitted,

Barbara Johnson, Secretary