

Board Meeting Minutes
December 7, 2009

Members present: Tom Cook, Theresa Foust, Jim Jacobs, Barb Johnson, Jim Lindsey, Walt Luecke, Mary Kay Maclver, John McCoy, Jack McNamara, Jackie Perrin, Brenda Vasicek

Meeting was called to order at 10:05am by President Brenda Vasicek.

Minutes of the November meeting were approved.

Treasurer Theresa Foust reported a balance of \$6524.44. Adobe Pro and Adobe Photoshop software has been purchased for the Emeriti laptop computer for use by the Board of Directors.

Mary Kay Maclver, Alumni Office Liaison, reported on Emeriti/Alumni events being held in Florida in January. She also reminded those present of the Holiday Reception to be held in the Dome Room for current employees and emeriti, hosted by President Eisler. On April 21-22, there will be more 125th activities. She encouraged the Board to be watching for more information on those events.

Social Committee Chairman, Walt Luecke, reported on the Holiday Dinner held on December 2 at West Commons. Because of the location, reservations were limited to 70 and there was a waiting list. Despite that, the event went well. There was a discussion regarding the need for a larger place. The Holiday Inn Ballroom was suggested, but because of prior concerns regarding menu, food quality, and cooperation of management, Emeriti events have not been held there. Walt will talk with Ed Shephard, Associate Vice President, Auxiliary Services, regarding the concerns in hopes of some resolution can be made. Jim Jacobs is prepared for the Soup Talk in January. A Coffee Talk will be held on March 10 at The Rock, with the Dining Services hosting the event. A BOD meeting will follow. In April, Jackie Perrin and Brenda Vasicek will host a Coffee Talk at the West Campus Center. The Spring Luncheon will be held at The Rock on May 12.

Service Committee Chairman, Jim Lindsey, asked for help in identifying members who may need a call or a card from the organization. He circulated a card for Board members to sign for Newell Johnson, who recently had by-pass surgery.

Professional Concerns Chairman, John McCoy, reported that after doing research on emeriti organizations at the other 14 state universities in Michigan, our group is the only one formally organized with a Constitution and officers. Eastern Michigan University and Western Michigan University have some activities, but they are not an entity. They are formed through their faculty associations.

Newsletter Editor, Jackie Perrin, reported that the deadline for the next edition is March 26. It will include pictures of our Homecoming float, an invitation to the Spring Luncheon, and a list of nominees for election to the Board. She also reported that there is one new member to the Association as of December 31. It is Darrel Reichow, Physical Plant Electrical Supervisor. Brenda will get a packet of information to him.

Publicity Chairman, Jim Jacobs, reported the notification of the Soup Talk and subsequent activities will be in the Pioneer.

Old Business -

There are two polo shirts left – 1 large and 1 small – at \$15 each. Sweaters and other articles of clothing can also be taken to the Creative Loop to have the logo stitched on them.

Brenda distributed a booklet that contains the revised FSUEA Constitution and Bylaws. A correction to Chapter II, Section 3, will be made to read: *In the absence of the president, the vice-president shall perform the duties of the president. If the office of the president becomes vacant, the vice-president shall become the president for the remainder of the president's term. The vice-president may assume duties as requested by the president.*

The EA Banner will be stored in the Board Room, PRK 114.

Homecoming float costs totaled \$130. Pictures will be in the next newsletter and on our website.

The Ferris Foundation dinner was held on November 6 and some of the Board members attended. There was positive feedback.

Brenda reported on the follow-up of the concern expressed by Lowell Jacobs at our last Board meeting. She spoke to Cindy Horn, Directory of University Recreation, who said she would take care of the issue.

New Business –

There was some discussion regarding insurance issues and changes. Information was distributed to the Board that is available on the Michigan Retired School Personnel website.

A question was asked regarding whether or not gifts should be given to guest speakers at our events. It was decided that a “thank you” card or note from the Service Committee Chairman would be sufficient.

The frequency of EA BOD meetings was discussed. It was decided that the meetings should continue on the current schedule. There is good continuity that is needed and helpful.

Announcements –

Tom Cook circulated a brochure regarding a travel opportunity to the Rockies. He asked if other Emeriti may be interested and if, at some point, Emeriti and Alumni could organize a tour such as this one. An announcement will appear in the newsletter.

Next meetings:

January 6, 2010 – before Soup Talk – create nominating committee

February – no meeting

March 10, 2010 – after Coffee Talk at The Rock – nominating committee

April 5, 2010

May 3, 2010

Meeting was adjourned at 11:45am.

Respectfully submitted,

Barbara Johnson,
Secretary