

EMERITI ASSOCIATION BOARD MEETING MINUTES
October 6, 2014

Vice-President Bob Carter called the meeting to order at 10:01 a.m.

Members Present: Bob Carter, Sayed Hashimi, Doug Haneline, Barb Johnson, Jerena Keys, Walt Luecke, MaryKay MacIver, and Jeffrey Nagelbush.

Guest: MaryJean Keating

Announcements: Ferris announced that it will not print a directory anymore after this year. Concern was expressed about the ability to find information about emeriti.

The Great Lakes Invitation hockey tournament will be held on December 28th and 29th this year.

The Ferris Foundation Gala Benefit will be held October 24th at DeVos Place with Dick Enberg as the keynote speaker.

Secretary's Minutes were approved as written.

Alumni Office Liaison Report: MaryKay MacIver reported that Ferris Homecoming was a great success. Lots of people attended both to the football game and the hockey game.

Treasurer's Report: Sayed Hashimi reported that the current balance is \$3526.45. We spent \$1131.25 since July, mostly on postage and copies. The possibility of charging for newsletter by mail was brought up.

Social: Walt Luecke reported that the Fall Luncheon will be at noon on October 8, 2014, at Clear Lake with a pasta buffet. The Winter Dinner will be on December 9, 2014 at Falcon Head with a prime rib buffet. The Spring luncheon will be on May 13 either at the University Center or the Rock.

MaryJean Keating has agreed to try and activate an Emeriti group in the Grand Rapids/Kent County area.

Service: Jerena Keys reported the deaths of emeriti Margaret Mendenhall, Thomas Johnson, and Jan Vonk.

Membership: The board discussed reintroducing a get-together for new emeriti and the need to keep contact information up-to-date.

Publicity: No report

Ad Hoc EA Student Scholarship: The initial fund-raising strategy discussed was gathering a list of Emeriti who already give to the university, sending each an email request and following with a call by members of the Board.

Professional Concerns: Walt Luecke reported that the Director of Dining was not originally involved in the planning of the University Center. That has changed. The Center is scheduled to be open for Winter Semester.

Senate Meeting: No Emeriti representative was at the recent meeting.

Newsletter: The Fall newsletter was sent out. The next deadline is October 15 for mail by November 1.

Old Business: The Board discussed that we need to know how the Emeriti Association fits in the institution as a whole. Brenda Vasicek will meet with President Eisler. She needs to know what she should ask him. The Board also suggested that we need to be clear as to what the goals of the Emeriti Association are.

New Business: The Board needs to discuss proposed changes to the Constitution and By-Laws at our next meeting.

Next Meetings and Upcoming Events:

November 3 – EA BOD meeting, 10:00 a.m. (PRK 114)

November 4- Senate Meeting

November 25- Senate Meeting

December 1 – EA BOD meeting, 10:00 a.m. (PRK 114). Last formal meeting until May.

December 2- Senate Meeting

December 9 – Winter Dinner at Falcon Head

January 7- Soup Talk

January 14 – EA Luncheon in Sarasota at Matson’s on 41

January 17 - Alumni and Friends Dinner at Naples, FL, Wyndemere Golf Club 6:00 p.m. reception, 7:00 dinner (tentative times)

May 13- Spring Luncheon at the University Center or the Rock

Adjournment: 11:32 a.m.

Jeffrey Nagelbush, Secretary