

EMERITI ASSOCIATION BOARD MEETING MINUTES
November 2, 2015

President Doug Haneline called the meeting to order at 10:00 a.m.

Members Present: Bob Friar, Doug Haneline, Dale Hobart, Sayed Hashimi, Jim Jacobs, Barb Johnson, Jerena Keys, Bob Krueger, Walt Luecke, MaryKay MacIver, Jeffrey Nagelbush, Randy Vance, and Brenda Vasicek.

Guest Present: Keith Jewett

Barb Johnson moved and Dale Hobart seconded that the minutes of the October meeting be approved as corrected. The motion passed unanimously.

Keith Hewett educated the Board on the problem that some VRIP faculty who are too young for Medicare are not getting the appropriate health care benefits as stated in the contract. This applies to those who continue to get health benefits from Ferris after separation.

President's Report: Doug Haneline reported that he was going to attend the inauguration of the new president of Kendall.

Doug met with Jill Schneider, Assistant to the President and Director of Alumni Relations at Kendall. The Board will get information about those who have emeriti status from Kendall from 1990 to the present. She also had some programming ideas for emeriti in Grand Rapids.

Friday at 8:30 there will be a gathering of emeriti for breakfast at the Brandywine restaurant in Grand Rapids.

Doug and MaryKay MacIver will host a table for emeriti and the Ferris Foundation Dinner.

Treasurer's Report: Sayed Hashimi reported that the current fund balance for the association is \$3,695.13. The scholarship balance is \$6,827.

University Advancement Liaison Report: MaryKay reported that a lot of people are requesting an emeriti directory. The November newsletter is being mailed to those who do not get it by email.

MaryKay and Doug met with Jerry Scoby Vice President of Administration and Finance at Ferris concerning fundraising and funding of the association.

Publicity: MaryKay MacIver was thanked for making sure this meeting was announced in Ferris' University Wide Notices.

We are now on Paul Blake's calendar.

MaryKay wrote about the emeriti lunch and submitted it to the University Advancement publication.

Social: Walt reported that 47 people attended the fall luncheon

The December dinner will be on December 8 at Falcon Head with a prime rib dinner. Drinks will be available at 5:15pm and dinner will be at 6:00pm. The deadline for reservations is November 30th.

“Food Service Equipment and Supplies” magazine did a story on Ferris’ new Quad Café.

Membership: Barb Johnson will send messages to new emeriti about the association.

Service: Jim Jacobs will send a card to the family of Lon Green and to Norm Peterson for the death of his wife.

Professional Concerns: Bob Krueger gave an article for the newsletter that discusses comparative data on graduation rates and graduate wages. He reported that Ferris was average for graduation rates and below average for wages.

Ad Hoc EA Student Scholarship: See treasurer’s report. There will be a silent auction for donated items at the December 8th dinner with proceeds going to the scholarship fund. Any donations sent to the fund must say endowment.

Helen’s Garden: MaryKay and Doug met with Jerry Scoby, Vice President of Administration and Finance at Ferris concerning the administration of Helen’s Garden and how to move forward to ensure the success of the project.

United Way Campaign: Jerena Keys and Bob Friar report 34 emeriti have donated a total of \$3,480. Donations will be accepted until Christmas break.

Newsletter: The Board discussed when the newsletter should be published. A motion was made by Dale Hobart and seconded by Walt Luecke that the newsletter be published in March instead of April. The newsletter will now be published in September, November, March, and June.

It was also suggested that the soup talk be promoted at the December dinner.

Social Media: Dale Hobart reported that the emeriti website and the Facebook page have been updated. He also reported that the Ferris web page will be changed soon.

Old Business: None

New Business: Khagendra Thapa, at the Senate meeting, proposed having an office for emeriti at the College of Engineering Technology. The Board discussed whether there was general interest in this. Little interest was shown.

December 7- Next Board meeting

December 8- Emeriti Dinner

Adjournment: 11:48 p.m.

Jeffrey Nagelbush, Secretary