

EMERITI ASSOCIATION BOARD MEETING MINUTES
August 7, 2017

President Doug Haneline called the meeting to order at 10:01 a.m.

Members Present: Robert Friar, Doug Haneline, Barb Johnson, Jerena Keys, Walt Luecke, MaryKay MacIver, Jeffrey Nagelbush, Jane Pole and Randy Vance

May minutes were approved (motion by Walt Luecke, seconded by Barb Johnson).

President's Report: President Haneline reported that Shelly Percy, Vice President for Advancement and Marketing, will be meeting with President Eisler to discuss a budget for the Emeriti Association. Her budget paid for our most recent newsletter.

Treasurer's Report: The treasury currently has \$760.23. The scholarship fund currently is \$41,814. One \$1,000 scholarship will be awarded for this year.

University Advancement Liaison Report: MaryKay MacIver reported that she has a new position, Associate Director of Advancement and Prospect Management. She will continue to be the liaison with the Emeriti Association. Her new office is in Prakken 101D

MaryKay also reported on upcoming events:

The Fall Reunion registration is open. It is Friday, September 29 from 5:30 to 9 pm at the University Center. \$25 per person.

Honoring the Class of 1967 and the Distinguished Alumni Awards Class of 2017.

Homecoming 2017 is September 30. We encourage Emeriti members to participate in the Alumni Welcome tent at Top Taggart Field beginning at 11 am.

The parade is at noon in Big Rapids.

Kick off is at 3 pm vs. Wayne State University

The Crimson and Gold hockey game is scheduled for 6 pm

Discounted tickets to Six Flags "Great America" from August 10 to August 13 for \$37 per person

Go to sixflags.com/greatamerican and use the promo code "Ferris1S"

Mackinaw Island Get A Way - October 13 to 15 at the Chippewa Hotel Waterfront. \$255 per person plus tax with additional options available.

Upper Peninsula Alumni & Friends social at The Vierling in Marquette on October 15. \$15 per person.

Other events

Founders' Day will be held Thursday, August 31. Helen and Woodbridge's great, great granddaughters will be in attendance.

The Ice Cream Social will be held from 4 to 6:30.

Save the Date for the Foundation Benefit on November 3. Aly Raisman from the US Olympic Gymnastics team will be the speaker.

Publicity: MaryKay sent a notice of this meeting through University Wide Notices on August 3. A Facebook posting announcing this meeting was made on August 3.

Social: Walt Luecke reported that the fall picnic at Hemlock Park will be on August 16, gathering at 11:30 a.m., eating at noon. The Alumni association has ordered the chicken. Beverages were ordered from catering. Members should bring a dish to pass and tableware. An email reminder will be sent.

The fall luncheon will be on October 4th. A discussion was held as to where to have the luncheon this year.

Membership: Barb Johnson said there were no new members. The Board discussed what the Association should do for new members.

Service: Condolences were sent to the families of Richard Pisacreta, Ronald Ham, and Michael Lafferty.

Professional Concerns: No report

Fundraising Committee: See treasurer's report.

Helen's Garden: MaryKay reported that geraniums and marigolds are making a big color statement in the garden this summer. A tree and some additional boxwoods have been ordered for the fall. Planting date still TBD. Ferris' Physical Plant has been very helpful.

Florida and Arizona Liaisons: Barb Johnson reported that February 8 is the next Arizona get-together at the Golden Corral in Tucson.

Newsletter: Randy Vance reported that the deadline for the September newsletter is August 15th. President Eisler will have a guest column. We have only had 3 responses to our invitation to become part of a speaker's bureau.

Social Media: Dale Hobart updated the calendar.

Old Business: None

New Business: The Board discussed some goals for 2017-2018:
work out budget issues,

send out one correspondence to members a year by regular mail, including the annual schedule of events,

try to get Grand Rapids emeriti (including Kendall emeriti) more involved, and have at least 1 emeriti-sponsored lecture a year.

It was suggested that we research other successful emeriti associations for ideas.

Adjournment: 11:17 a.m. (Moved by Walt Luecke, seconded Barb Johnson, passed.)

Jeffrey Nagelbush, Secretary

September 11-Emeriti Board Meeting

October 2- Emeriti Board Meeting

October 4- Fall Luncheon