

EMERITI ASSOCIATION BOARD MEETING MINUTES
August 6, 2018

President Doug Haneline called the meeting to order at 10:08 a.m.

Members Present: Robert Friar, Doug Haneline, Jerena Keys, MaryKay MacIver, Mary Murnik and Randy Vance.

June minutes were tabled for the September meeting.

President's Report: President Haneline noted that there is a significant amount of new Emeriti Association members due to the recent buyout action by the University.

Treasurer's Report: Randy Vance reported that the Emeriti Association has a current balance of \$1,608, which includes a deposit that has already been made to Two Hats Ranch for \$902.70 for the dinner in December. The Ferris Emeriti Association Scholarship Endowment currently has \$71,561. We are very close to having enough to support 3 scholarships. President Haneline suggested to Randy that Bob Carter note the updated figures in the upcoming newsletter.

University Advancement Liaison Report: MaryKay MacIver reported the following Alumni Association Events:

- Fall Reunion - September 28, 5:30-9:00 pm, University Center. \$25 per person. Induction of the Class of 1968 into the Society of Golden Eagles, honoring the Distinguished Alumni Class of 2018.
- Homecoming – September 29. Tailgate begins at 11 am. Parade at noon, Game at 3 pm vs. Ashland.
- Battle at the Ballpark – October 6., 12:45 pm. Ferris State football will play Michigan Tech at the Fifth/Third Ballpark. \$\$25 for adults/\$18 for children includes lunch and game ticket. Kickoff at 2 pm.
- Mackinac Island Getaway Weekend – October 12-14, Chippewa Hotel Waterfront. Adults \$275, children 13 and under are \$40. Includes lodging, ferry transportation, reception, \$10 food and beverage voucher at the Pink Pony and more.

Other UA&M News: MaryKay also noted that budget constraints continue to be in the forefront of UA&M divisional priorities. Also, there are currently many campus construction projects in process.

Publicity:

MaryKay MacIver reported that today's meeting was publicized through Facebook and through University-Wide Notices. In addition, she will be sending an email reminder today

to the membership regarding the picnic next week and a “save the date” information for the Fall luncheon.

Social: MaryKay reported for Jane Pole.

- The picnic is August 15 beginning at 11:30 am at Hemlock Park. Please bring a dish to pass and your own table service. The alumni office is picking up the chicken and the beverages, and they will take the equipment back to catering after the picnic. MaryKay asked if some of the board directors could volunteer to come early to help set up and also mentioned that Walt used to bring tablecloths for the food table, so we will need someone to do this. Jane is bringing equipment to wash the tables.
- The Fall Luncheon is September 25 at 11:30 am at Artworks in the lower gallery. Note that this venue is handicap accessible. The rental fee is \$120. Mary Murnik indicated that Artworks takes credit cards. MaryKay will follow up with the payment. Registration is \$15 and the RSVP is September 14. MaryKay was able to contact Pere Marquette Catering. Deb will need the final numbers by September 21. The initial numbers to Deb was between 40 and 50. The menu is Chef Salad Bar, sandwiches with meat, cheese and condiments, Antipasto platter, a cheese board with crackers and homemade potato chips with dip and “something wonderful” for dessert. There will also be ice tea, lemonade, coffee, creamer and sugar.
- The Holiday Dinner at Two Hats Ranch on December 9 begins at 3 pm with dinner at 4 pm. The cost is \$30 per person and the deadline to RSVP is November 28. Note there is limited seating for 60. Jerena commented that it will be important to have a map with the registration form, as it is tricky to get to. She also recommended that we arrange for rides or driving in tandem for anyone who hasn’t been to the venue before. The menu is a choice of Prime Rib, Airline Chicken Breast or Vegetable Lasagna, which will need to be noted on the registration form. Attendees can bring their own bottle of wine and the staff will uncork and pour. The program will be discussed at the August 14 Social Committee meeting. Note that that Two Hats Ranch has rooms available for rent at \$145 per night if anyone would like to reserve one for the evening.

Jane’s note to the board: Thanks to Doug, Randy, MaryKay, the FSUEA Board and Julie Doyle for your support and assistance.

Membership: MaryKay reported for Barb. We have lots of new members due to the buy-out incentive this past spring. The problem is that we found out about their Emeriti status after they left. Because we were unable to contact them before they ended their employment, it was suggested that a written invitation be sent to the Fall Luncheon, and that we consider hosting them for their first event.

Service: MaryKay contacted Jim, and all condolence cards are up to date.

Professional Concerns: Bob Friar reported that he has not had a response from Marilyn Keigley regarding presenting a program for the Fall Luncheon despite many attempts to contact her. He suggested that we seek a different individual to present. The directors discussed, and it was suggested that Lynn Scheible be asked to present about Artworks. Jerena volunteered to make the contact with Lynn. (Note that the contact was made post meeting and accepted). We will need to include her in the count for lunch.

Fundraising: Our endowment balance was updated with the treasurer's report. Bob Friar asked how the recipient is chosen. MaryKay responded that the recipient is chosen by Financial Aid. Bob asked if we could use a process similar to the Ferris Foundation scholarship. MaryKay responded that we have reserved the right to choose our own recipient via an application process in our established criteria. Doug commented that next year, we should have 2 recipients and we may have 3 the following year. There is also a possibility of adding a 6th scholarship for Kendall if their emeriti members participate in our fundraising efforts.

Helen's Garden: MaryKay MacIver reported that watering was the issue in July – between Alice, MK and Jen Yontz, we kept the garden watered. Thanks to the grounds staff for providing a sprinkler with a timer and also for repairing the spigot on the south side of the garden. The garden required only a few hours of maintenance last month for weeding and deadheading. We will need a few more hands for the fall cleanup including removing annuals and final pruning. Mary Murnik indicated she is available to help. Sigma Pi will assist with raking out the beds after the leaves fall. President Haneline suggested that the Garden might be a great topic for the Spring edition of The Ferris Magazine, and that he will send a note to Anne Hogenson.

Arizona and Florida Liaisons: No report

Newsletter: Randy Vance reported that the deadline for the Fall newsletter is August 15. The newsletter needs to be ready as quickly as possible in order for it to be delivered in time for members to RSVP to the luncheon. Randy mentioned that changes in the newsletter schedule structure may be necessary given budget constraints. We may need to go to 2 or 3 issues a year instead of 4. This will require some brainstorming for ideas on how to get information to membership in a timely manner. President Haneline suggested that this topic be discussed in detail at the September meeting.

Social Media: MaryKay has been posted information and events that would interest Emeriti members. She also noted that members of the board can also be admins. It was suggested that Jane Pole could be added so she can post information about events.

Old Business: None

New Business: Jerena mentioned that the board should consider a reception for new members given the influx of members in the past few months. MaryKay commented that she and Barb had discussed this possibility. More discussion will be held at the September meeting.

Adjournment: 11:25 a.m. (moved by Jerena Keys, seconded by Randy Vance).

MaryKay MacIver for
Jeffrey Nagelbush, Secretary

September 10 - Next Board Meeting