

EMERITI ASSOCIATION BOARD MEETING MINUTES  
October 5, 2020

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

Members Present: Bob Carter, Doug Haneline, Jim Jacobs, Jerena Keys, Bob Krueger, MaryKay MacIver, Mary Murnik, Randy Vance

September minutes were approved with a correction: Meeting started at 10:01, not 11:01 (motion by Jerena Keys, seconded by Bob Carter).

President's Report: No report at this time.

Treasurer's Report: Our current operating balance is \$3,903.24. The endowment has a current book value of \$119,167.00. The endowment has a market value of \$129,513.52. We will have \$1700 to use for next year's scholarships after awarding 2 - \$1,000 scholarships for FY 2021. (\$1,000 expended for fall semester, \$1,000 to be awarded for spring semester.)

UA&M Liaison Report: MaryKay MacIver reported the following:

Events

- The virtual homecoming event was a big hit, especially the 5K. It 5K was so well received that they may make this a permanent event.
- The Alumni Office is sponsoring a series of informative webinars, featuring nationally known speakers. View the schedule of upcoming webinars at [ferris.edu/htmls/alumni](http://ferris.edu/htmls/alumni).
- There are still spots available for the annual Mackinaw Island event at the alumni packaged rate of \$305. There will not be any sponsored gatherings this year. The event will be held October 9-11.

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- A COVID19 information page is accessible by visiting [ferris.edu](http://ferris.edu), including a COVID19 case dashboard. Positive case totals are updated every afternoon. The total of cases as of October 2 was 149 with 33 active cases.
- President Eisler indicated in his memo to campus on Friday that the Governor has signed a budget that keeps higher education funding at the same level as last fiscal year.
- The Ferris Foundation for Excellence Benefit will be virtual this year. Ferris alumnus and Detroit Red Wing coach Jeff Blashill will be the MC. Details are coming for the event, which will be held on November 6.

Publicity

The meeting was publicized on University-Wide Notices and through Facebook.

Events: The board discussed the Soup Talk normally held in February. Randy and Jerena indicated that the kitchen at the United Church is currently closed and the building is open for limited use only. Given the circumstances, the board agreed that the Soup Talk will not be held in 2021. Mary Kay will encourage Emeriti members to attend the webinars that are being hosted by the Alumni Office.

Membership:

Service: Jim Jacobs reported two deaths since the last meeting – James Anderson and Art Bennett. Mary Kay is attempting to find addresses for family members for these members.

Professional Concerns: Bob Krueger indicated that he has no report at this time. He suggested that we could possibly move the Soup Talk to next fall and encourage members to give a 2-minute story about what it was like at Ferris when they were here to record and give to the Archives.

Fundraising: Bob Carter indicated that he sent a request to both of the scholarship recipients a note requesting a photo for the newsletter. He has received one back from Rebecca but is still waiting for a response from Jacob. He is in the planning stages for the year-end fundraising campaign which is scheduled for the first 2 weeks in December. Mary Kay reported that annual giving has it on their schedule and is anticipating the receipt of the letter.

Helen's Garden: MaryKay reported for Chair Alice Bandstra - The volunteers worked on wrapping up the season this past weekend. Most of the annuals have been pulled and the perennials were cut back. The garden should be completely buttoned up by this coming weekend.

Arizona and Florida Liaisons: No report

Newsletter: Randy – had the information to feature the 2 scholarship award winners. It will be a milestone that we will be featuring 2 winners this year. The deadline for sending newsletter information to him is October 15. The newsletter will be ready to send the first week of November. Jerena commented that the board member election results will be available for the newsletter.

Social Media: MaryKay continues to post relevant information. Our facebook page currently has 115 likes.

Old Business: The directors approved the language for the Zoom poll that will be used for the slate of nominees at the October 14 membership meeting. MaryKay will send a reminder email to the membership next week. MaryKay will also set up time this week with Doug to discuss the agenda.

New Business: None

Adjournment: 10:38 a.m. (motion by Bob Krueger, seconded by Bob Carter).

MaryKay MacIver for Jeffrey Nagelbush, Secretary  
October 14, 2020- Annual Membership Meeting  
November 2, 2020 – Emeriti Board Meeting