

SOUTHERN OREGON UNIVERSITY
RETIREE ASSOCIATION
Minutes for September 7, 2016

Call to order by Ralph Fidler, President:

1. Meeting was in Campbell Hall, room B. Introductions were made for newest group members; Connie Alexander, and Jim Dean. Other members present were Ralph Fidler, former council President Bev DeLaZerda, Ernie Ettlich, Glenda Wood, Bonnie Rott, Belinda Melendez, Dave Hoffman, and Frank Lang.
2. Minutes from last meeting of April 8, were approved with no changes or corrections.
3. Treasurer's report – was presented and Glenda handed out the reports for everyone to peruse. The information was as of July 1, 2016. Proposed budget is set for \$2,670 for 2016-17. Total membership paid to June 30, this year is 75. Total expenditures were shown as \$1,658.74, with a remaining balance of \$1,011.26. The proposed budget for 2016-2017 has compensated for the \$86.14 overage in Duplicating/Copying by adding \$100 to this portion of the budget. The \$100 was taken from Publishing/Graphic Design. Otherwise the proposed budget stays the same for the coming year. The proposed budget for 2016-2017 was passed by the Council.
4. Election of officers was then held – Treasurer – voted in was Glenda, motion by Belinda, second by Ralph. Everyone agreed. Vice President was next voted on and due to shortage of folks to take the position, Bev was asked if she would be interim, especially with Ralph being gone for next two months. She agreed and it was voted on with all agreeing. Motion by Jim and Connie a second, with all agreeing Ralph was voted in again as President. Secretary was voted on and Belinda agreed to take on the position again, with a unanimous vote from the group. Since Ralph will be gone Glenda will get the cash box from Rob, and Ralph will remind Rob that she will be coming to get it.
5. Speakers for upcoming meetings – It was suggested to invite the Hospice group from Medford and/or Ashland to speak about what Hospice is and does, how it supports the community. How they raise funds with Asante and Providence supporting these efforts and care of last days of people in our communities. Ralph was going to see about one group only for the time element we have at the luncheons. Ralph and Ernie were going to go see the

new President and invite her to the luncheon on about the 20th. They will invite her to the luncheon on October 14. Ralph also suggested that the recipient of the 2016 scholarship be invited to (Heidi Dawn) to speak about the scholarship and what it means to her. There was also discussion about having Chelsea Rhodes, SOU's resident anthropologist, come and speak at the luncheon in the future. Maybe at the winter meeting. Ernie also mentioned having Sue Walsh, Provost speak at a meeting and maybe share with the President as speakers at a meeting. Ralph will contact the President.

6. Dues billing will be in a new letter showing \$20 for dues and be sent out before the next luncheon. This will go out about October 5. Ralph will email and we will review asap and let him know if it sounds good. It should also include what each member does in the Retiree group for their part in the association. Someone suggested that articles can go to the website rather than in the newsletter. Ralph will reiterate that digital saves money so we could just send the newsletter by email. Everyone seemed to like this idea. Maybe even a blog would be a good idea. Jim suggested there are 300 members on the mailing list presently. Maybe it could be posted on the website. We still do not have a list of the staffers that retire. Belinda said she would go to payroll or human services and see if she could get this to happen. We discussed the .com address being emeritus.com. So it sounds like the staff does not know there is a way to join in the membership of retiree's association. We need to rethink our email address. John Engelhardt said he would check for the person to change the site name.
7. Next meeting is February 1, 2017 and the first luncheon this fall is October 14. Other dates to remember are April 5, meeting and May 19, luncheon.

Meeting adjourned 4:35, see you October 14, at the luncheon.

Respectfully,
Belinda Melendez

Belinda,