

## **Southern Oregon Retirees Association Council Meeting 09-02-2015**

Meeting called to order at 3:35 by Ralph Fidler

Members Present- Bonnie Rott, Glenda Wood, Belinda Melendez, Ed Hungerford, Ralph Fidler. Others present Bev DeLazarda , John Englehardt, Absent members-Dave Hoffman, Ernie Ettlich, Bob Riehm, Frank Lang, Barbie Breneiser, and Herman Schmeling.

Minutes of April 8, 2015 were approved as written.

Ralph Fidler (RF) mentioned that Dave Hoffman is stepping down as co-President. RF asked Ernie Ettlich if he would be willing to serve and he has agreed. The council is to be composed of 9 members, 5 faculty and 4 staff. Currently we have 5 staff and 5 faculty members. Ernie is the only one here for 3 year term the rest of us are here for 1 or 2 years more. (note- David Hoffman will continue to serve on the council and that will give us 5 faculty)

Luncheon coming up was discussed and everyone agreed the Old Time Fiddlers would be a good program. Ron Bolstad is going to confirm to RF to be sure the group will be available in October on the 16<sup>th</sup>. Claude suggested some folks getting up and telling a funny story. RF said he would ask Claude to start this by doing it at the next luncheon. It was suggested that he start the ball rolling and see if anyone else would want to at the next luncheons.

RF distributed a copy of what he wished to include in the newsletter. He is sending it to Carol and wanted us to see if we have any issues or want to change anything. The billing statement for membership dues will be in the newsletter and a note that If retirees are not going to join then maybe they can contribute to the newsletter. A discussion concerning the mailing of the newsletter resulted in all deciding that it should go out 2 weeks before the luncheon.

Luncheon meeting date is October 16. Future council meeting dates are January 20, 2016 and April 6, 2016. Future luncheon dates are February 26, 2016 and May 20, 2016. These were approved by the council.

Budget and account balances were handed out by the treasurer, Glenda Wood., showing the ending balances on last year's income and expenditures and next year's budget information. There was discussion for clarification and the budget was approved despite it being slightly high on expenditures. We approved taking care of lunches of Old Time Fiddlers or paying them a fee.

RF stated there is \$5,000 in the SOU College account and that can be transferred to the Foundation account to accumulate earnings. We can leave the amount of \$3,000 at this time. Ralph is going to clarify things with Jeannie.

RF said he was willing to stay on as President. Ed motioned and Belinda seconded RF to be President. There is not a co-President (or vice-president) right now. RF is going to discuss with

Ernie or Barbie. RF asked if anyone present would be willing to serve and there were no volunteers. RF will also mention at the luncheon meeting that there is a co-President spot open if anyone wants it. All agreed on the vote as motioned and seconded.

Lorraine will come to help at the luncheon. Glenda Wood and Belinda Melendez will also volunteer. RF will bring all the name tags, etc., to Glenda.

RF suggested he ask Dr. Saigo to come to all our luncheons. RF asked if anyone else had other ideas for luncheon programs. John Engelhardt suggested and will contact Drew Gilliland about presenting an update on building plans and upcoming construction at our February luncheon. There is also a Bee Keeper that could be helpful information for our community. Other ideas for presenters include Michael Naumes and Greg Jones (SOU professor) about making wine and our industry in Oregon.

Bonnie Rott mentioned that it would be good to find out if we are meeting the needs of the retirees. We have about 9 new retirees this last year. RF asked if we are getting notified. It has been an issue getting notified about new retirees. RF will find out who is handling the faculty and staff information now. Maybe HR is the key place with this information.

It was suggested that we text to the retirees or faculty. Ralph has about 125 names with emails and some cell phones but not all retirees are listed. Emailing retirees would still be best.

Carol McNair is talking about getting out of the newsletter, but she will stay on for now. Belinda mentioned she could try to learn it and help. Carol is a wonderful editor and we hope she stays. It was mentioned that we could ask Laurie Young or Jim Dean (wonderful writer) if he would take it on. We will wait until Carol says for sure she will.

4:30 Meeting ended.

Respectfully

Belinda