

Southern Oregon University Retirees Association
Council Meeting Minutes (Unapproved)
April 17, 2013
Continuing Education Center, SOU

1. Call to Order

President Jerry Insley called the meeting to order at 3:35 p.m.

Present were: Insley, Bev DeLaZerda, Dave Hoffman, Jim Olsen, Lorraine Winger, Pat Wolfe, Jim Dean, Sally Klein, Barbara Irvin and Tom Pyle.

2. Minutes of March 20, 2013, meeting

Accepted as circulated via email.

3. Treasurer's Report

Treasurer Wolfe reported that Jeanne Stallman says association has approximately \$3,000 in our SOUF and SOU accounts reserves. Jerry asked if we would have finalized budget by June meeting. Pat said yes, thanks to Jeanne. Bev said we need to have a budget style same as university's. She said we started fiscal year 2012 with \$1,766 and fiscal year 2013 with \$2,514.

Sally said she would recruit new members from this year's retirees in early June. Sally will be mailing all SOU retirees membership renewals for the July 2013-June 2014 fiscal period. Whenever Human Resources sends a list of recently retired staff or emeritus, Sally sends out a welcome letter to them from the association.

She said 10 percent of current membership resides outside Rogue Valley. Jerry said we need to emphasize to membership our dependence on dues and donations. Bev said we have 86 members at present. She added that scholarship fund is at \$26,305, while budgeted goal is \$25,000. Later in meeting, Sally asked if office supplies expenses needed to be broken down in budget reports. Consensus was "no" as long as treasurer has backup info on expenses leading to total in supplies entry.

4. Old Business

Council Nominating Committee

Lorraine reported that retired staff members Ralph Fidler and Bonnie Rott as well as former faculty Ed Hungerford, Herman Schmeling and David Hoffman have agreed to accept nomination to the council. Jerry said a motion to accept the slate needs to be made at the association's spring luncheon meeting.

Bev mentioned that membership also needs to vote on proposed changes in bylaws. Jerry suggested placing on tables at luncheon flyers containing language of proposed changes, thereby allowing membership to review proposals for discussion before vote is taken.

Spring Luncheon

Jerry mentioned that he had received positive reactions to county commissioner John Rachor's talk at winter luncheon; others said they had too. Jerry said some members said they missed having dessert. It was agreed that spring menu would be sandwich and soup in order to keep price at \$9.95 per person because adding dessert would add \$2 per serving. Jerry suggested we poll membership at spring luncheon to see if they wanted to add dessert and dispense with tablecloths at future luncheons -- a tradeoff that could allow us to continue to charge \$9.95 per person. Later in meeting, Lorraine suggested we get rid of tablecloths and bring back dessert. Jerry said we could do that and everyone agreed that it should be done. Sally confirmed that SOU president Mary Cullinan is set as speaker for spring luncheon and that the date is May 17. Barbara and Pat agreed to take care of entrance table duties. Jerry said we need to set dates for next year's luncheon/membership meetings. Sally suggested they follow closely this year's dates. Jerry agreed, saying that would allow the timely scheduling of speakers. Later in meeting, Jerry asked if we had a list of upcoming retirees so that they could be invited to luncheon. Sally said yes.

5. New Business

Newsletter Content

Jerry said there may be too much space given to items regarding recently deceased retirees -- often information that has already been reported in media and emails to membership -- as opposed to original unrelated content. Jim suggested putting a list of recently deceased retirees into newsletter along with referral to association's website, where obituaries and remembrance pieces could be found. Dave suggested a piece about former president Elmo Stevenson -- something along the line of tidbits by folks who remember things related to Elmo's personality, leadership style, etc.

6. Adjournment

The meeting was adjourned at 4:11 p.m.