

USI Retirees General Meeting

Thursday, November 18, 2021

USI Griffin Center, 2 p.m.

Council Members Present: Marlene Shaw, Cindy Brinker, Craig Ehlen, John Deem, Phyllis Oeth, Joanne Artz. Absent: Nancy Bizal, Tim Mahoney. USI Foundation was represented by David Bower and Maggie Carnahan.

Retiree Members Present: included Council past-presidents and members, charter members, current members

Call to Order: The meeting was called to order by President Marlene Shaw at 2 p.m.

Approval of Minutes: Minutes of the November 19, 2020, General Meeting were approved with corrections.

Treasurer's Report: John Deem reported the beginning balance on July 1, 2020, was \$4,155.65, with membership dues intake of \$1,640, expenditures of \$1,140.24, and a balance on June 30, 2021, of \$4,655.41.

President's Report

- **Appreciation** - Marlene Shaw recognized David Bower and Maggie Carnahan of Foundation, thanking them and several others for their parts in supporting the Council, and funding and printing of the *Vintage Times*. She then asked those present if they receive the newsletter in any of its formats. David Bower mentioned the establishment of the Wanda Hibblitts Scholarship. Marlene recognized retiring (Artz, Bizal, Shaw) and continuing (Brinker, Mahoney, Oeth, Deem, Ehlen) Council members.
- **2021 Overview** - Coordinating Council meetings were held either by Zoom or in person in January, March, May, July and September. Ten \$100 grants to full time student-employees were awarded, five each semester. *Vintage Times* was published in February and July. The University President's reception for retirees was held in July at the Griffin Center, with distribution of the Summer-Fall *Vintage Times* and the *USI Retirees Directory 2021*. In April, many retirees enjoyed a talk and tour of Igleheart Gardens. August saw the Not-Back-To-School lunch gathering at Turoni's on Main Street (the planned January outing was cancelled due to Covid.)

Election of Council Members and Officers: With no additional nominations, the slate proposed by 2021 President-Elect Cindy Brinker was elected unanimously.

- New Council members for 2022-2023 are Sandy Hatfield, Connie Schnarre and Linda Tribble.
- Council Officers for 2022:
 - President-Elect – Connie Schnarre
 - Secretary -- Linda Tribble
 - Treasurer -- John Deem

Other Business: Cindy Brinker mentioned the campus "Nurturing Our Nest" project sponsored by the Administrative Senate. Information on a possible January 2022 gathering at Turoni's is forthcoming. Marlene requested that today's attendees sign cards to be mailed to Oscar Ozete.

With no other business, the meeting was adjourned at 2:23 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Joanne R. Artz

USI Retirees 10th Anniversary Program

Dr. Renee Frimming, Chair of Kinesiology and Sport, narrated a PowerPoint virtual tour of the “Kinesiology and Sports Department in the Screaming Eagles Complex” and answered audience questions.

The USI Retirees Organization was formally founded March 7, 2011, with the inaugural meeting of the organizing committee. For 10th anniversary, Cindy Brinker presented “Benchmarks: Future and Past of the USI Retirees.” PowerPoint slides narrated the organizational history, with the first full general meeting of members being held November 11, 2011. The presentation was followed by recognition of Charter Members and Past Presidents, and a list of members with the longest employment at USI.

Refreshments, socializing and picture-taking followed the program.

Two retiree PowerPoints presented at the Annual Meeting will be posted on the USI Retirees web site.