

## HARPER COLLEGE ANNUITANTS ASSOCIATION BOARD MEETING

February 3, 2016

1:30 PM, F253

### NOTES

**Present:** Frances Brantley, Steve Catlin, Julie Hennig, Linda Kolbusz-Kasan, Judy Longmore, Sharon Martin, Michael Nejman, Jeanne Leininger, Hazel Rilki, Pat Wenthold. **Present via phone:** Bruce Bohrer, Bonnie Henry, Sally Griffith

**Notes:** from last meeting (Oct. 12, 2015) were received. One misspelled name will be corrected.

**Treasurer's Report:** Julie has received papers from the state for a tax exemption status. We have not gotten a bill for the breakfast held last September; Katie in HR is checking on this. The budget is in good shape, currently the balance is \$4906.04.

**Social Report:** In general, programs have had small attendance. Big event in near future is *The Tempest* in March (Sun. 3/13/2016 6:00pm). Jeanne is considering offering another visit to the Holocaust Museum in April or May. It was well received last year. Details about a meeting on Feb. 10, 2016 regarding emergency preparedness were noted. Another program will be planned on financial planning for retirees conducted by Judy Thorson. **Newsletter:** Jeanne suggested **changing the now monthly newsletter** ("Get Busy") **to a quarterly**. She suggested beginning with a Spring issue, covering March, April, and May. This was put in a motion form; **motion passed unanimously**.

**Membership Report:** Names from a list of non-renewing former members were divided among HCAA members who will contact them in a membership recruitment effort.

**Legislative Report:** Two meetings were held with two lawmakers. Matt Murphy said he would consider submitting legislation to benefit community college retirees relative to being able to re-enter the State health insurance program if we could show that it would be at no additional cost. Bonnie indicated she would contact SUAA on the status of legislation previously submitted about this. General consensus was that nothing was happening in Springfield; a meeting with David Harris might be beneficial.

**HCAA Membership Survey:** 130 responses in two days. Most interest is in pensions. Additional findings were discussed and Bonnie will send a summary to HCAA members.

**HCAA Website Report:** Report shows a slow but steady increase monthly and yearly in number of visitors and number of views. The website pages most visited remained stable over the years 2012-2015. They are Welcome, Keeping Up, Events, Spotlight, and Insurance Updates.

**Ralph Martire Program :** We and the Foundation will co-sponsor a breakfast at 7:30am on 5/25/16 for area business leaders and HCAA members. Bruce will work with the Foundation regarding details, and with Mr. Martire regarding the presentation topic. It was suggested that we ask Mr. Martire to speak to HCAA membership **after** the breakfast, and after the business contingent had gone.

**President's Luncheon:** The date is still to be determined; we will **try for 9/19/16.**

**Harper College 50th Anniversary Update:** Harper College celebrates its 50th Anniversary in 2017. There will be special annuitant-oriented events, as well as other ways for our retirees to be involved.

1. You can submit "**Your Harper Story,**" a brief memory or special moment/experience you had while working at Harper College. Forward your thoughts to: Trygve Thoreson at: tthoreso8@gmail.com
2. There will be an **Annuitants Reunion,** most likely to coincide with the big Harper Alumni Reunion. Date and time to be announced. This event will include a special recognition of the founding faculty/administrators/staff from the years 1967 - 1977.
3. A **Foundation Paver** project will raise funds for the Promise effort. Most likely, this program will be launched in the Fall of 2016 through the Harper College Foundation and offer Harper alumni, annuitants, faculty, administrators and staff an opportunity to have paver bricks with their names on them in a special area of the College (to be announced). Brick donations will probably cost approximately \$150 to \$300. More information will be shared when available.
4. "**A Year of Service**" will be a part of the 50th Anniversary celebration. This volunteer/outreach effort will involve a series of community projects which will take place within the 22 communities Harper serves. Again, more information will be shared when available.

**New Business: Purchase of souvenir** pens to be distributed at President's Luncheon. HCAA and website address will be printed on them. **Moved, seconded, and passed unanimously.**

**Upcoming Events:** Sat., Feb. 20. Palatine League of Women Voters is sponsoring an event in the early afternoon. Betty Hull will speak about Jimmy Carter's book, *A Call to Action*. Check with the library for more information.

At UIC. 2/27/16, All-day conference (10:00-4:00) at University Center sponsored by The League of Women Voters, *Justice for All of Illinois*. \$65.00

**Future Meetings:** Monday, April 18, 2016 at 1:30 pm, room to be determined.

**Adjournment:** Meeting was adjourned at 3:30 pm.

Notes submitted by Frances Brantley  
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