

HARPER COLLEGE ANNUITANTS ASSOCIATION BOARD MEETING
August 16, 2016
NOTES

Present: Frances Brantley, Bruce Bohrer, Steve Catlin, Sally Griffith, Bonnie Henry, Betty Hull, Linda Kolberg-Kasan, Judy Longmore, Sharon Martin, Michael Nejman, Hazel Rilki

Called to order at 1:10 pm , Announcements: > Sally Griffith is moving to Texas. The Board expressed regret at losing Sally, thanked her for her work, and wished her well. Application for HCAA membership is on our website and the SUAA website. Disadvantage of SUAA's site: no arrangement to have dues deducted. Harper college's enrollment is down 4%.

The **Notes** of the May 25th meeting were accepted as written.

The **Treasurer's report** was accepted, Ending balance as of June 30, 2016, was \$4,342.31. There was no activity from July 01, 2016 until July 31, 2016.

The **Social Report:** Jeanne Leininger and Diane Kinn worked together to submit this report:

1. At our last Ravinia event on July 30th, we had about 16 people in attendance (4 retirees and their guests). Regarding our next Ravinia event, August 21st, -- we already have about 18 people attending (6 retirees and their guests). We need someone to host this event (pick up tickets and distribute them) because both of us will NOT be able to attend. Any board member interested in attending and be that "special" host for the evening? If a board member wishes to attend, call Diane at 708-212-5792 ASAP. Before the event the attendees will be called or emailed and told who to look for.
2. Our Retirement Financial Seminar, July 11th, had a good attendance of about 15 retirees.
3. Our annual Wildberry Breakfast, June 17th, had a "OK" attendance of 8 retirees ... we would have liked more attendance.
4. Jeanne is arranging two events. One is a December concert at Harper and the other is a possible insurance program in November. She's having a little problem with the insurance program arrangements.
5. The next newsletter will be coming out soon.

Membership Report/Membership Brochure: Membership is down to about 302. Hazel circulated a list of some members who did not renew their membership .Board members who knew names on the list were asked to identify them on the list and contact them. The names were not all so identified. Hazel also reported that our new brochure is

finished. She passed around a supply of them for Board members to have. The new brochure looks well-designed and is attractive.

Congratulations are in order to Pat Wenthold, who has been elected as the community college northern Illinois representative of SUAA's governing body. The SUAA Executive Board will probably meet on September 26th. Nancy Bentley from Moraine Valley CC has volunteered to help with the Policies and Procedures Handbook; however, the SUAA President will make the selection.

Legislative Report: Michael reported the following: November elections are just around the corner. Please be sure that you, your family, and friends are all registered to vote. Here is David Orr's Website for voter registration information. <http://www.cookcountyclerk.com/Pages/Default.aspx>. If you live outside of Cook County, please check the appropriate Website for your county clerk (example: <http://kanecountyclerk.org>).

The following Website is very informative and provides information about the upcoming Illinois elections: <http://www.uselections.com/il/il.htm>. Please take a few moments to peruse this site and become familiar with your local elections at both the state and federal levels.

As you've no doubt heard in the media, the Illinois legislature adjourned without a formal budget and they are not scheduled to return until after the election in November. So unfortunately, we do not have any additional information for you at this time. The HCAA legislative committee will continue to monitor, and will report to HCAA members, anything of significance in the coming months.

Betty Hull investigated how legislative vacancies are filled. Illinois is the least democratic; they are usually filled by appointments. Discussion followed about how this appointment process can be manipulated.

Michael asked how to proceed with candidates we don't know. Bonnie asked if the Legislative Committee should meet, and should the Board meet candidates **before** the election. The suggestion was made that representatives from HCAA Board should attend a \$20.00 breakfast on October 4 sponsored by the Illinois Retired Teachers Association, Unit 90 (Inverness) to meet the candidates. Hearing them before elections would help us make funding recommendations to SUAAction.

After the report, discussions ensued about the initiative "Pavers for Promise", wall pavers identified by the buyer's name or organization or other designation to be sold to raise money for Harper College scholarships and to celebrate Harper's 50th Anniversary. A motion was made that the HCAA Board purchase a paver. Costs (\$150 or \$300, depending on size.) The motion passed unanimously to purchase a \$300 paver representing HCAA.

HCAA Website : The importance of keeping the website information current was stressed. Readers won't visit it if the information is old or dated.

50th Anniversary Update: Michael said the 50th Anniversary Steering Committee has taken a break over the summer, but will meet again September 13th. Budgets are being reviewed this week to prepare for an August 17th meeting with Phil Burdick. The important date to keep in mind is **April 14, 2018** when the Annuitants/Retirees/Founders event will take place in Building W from 1-3pm. Other date to keep in mind: The **Gala** will be **on September 16, 2017**. Save the dates!

President's Luncheon is scheduled for September 17, 2016 at 12:00 noon. HCAA Board will have a meeting at 11:00 AM before the luncheon. There will be a General HCAA Membership meeting after the luncheon, followed by a short tour of D building?.

SUAA Fall meeting: The Fall meeting will be Monday, Nov. 21, during Thanksgiving week. Pat and Michael will attend; Sharon may join them.

Adjournment: The meeting was adjourned at 2:30 pm.

Frances Brantley,
Secretary, HCAA Board
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