

Harper College Annuitants Association

Notes – Friday, June 2, 2017

ATTENDEES: Bruce Bohrer, Frances Brantley, Jacki Carroll, Linda Frank, Kathy Hanahan, Julie Hennig, Betty Hull, Diane Kinn, Linda Kolbusz-Kozan, Judy Longmore, Sharon Martin, Russ Mills, Michael Nejman and Pat Wenthold

Notes from the last meeting, November 14, 2016 were put on hold until the next meeting on August 8th.

SURS PRESENTATION - A short discussion ensued regarding the value of the SURS presentation by SURS Executive Director, Martin Noven. Other than some people having difficulty hearing Mr. Noven, the general consensus was that our pensions are secure at this time.

TREASURER'S REPORT – Julie Hennig submitted reports for 4 months (January 1, 2017 through April 30, 2017) with an ending balance of \$5,016.93. Due to the financial climate at the college it was unknown whether we would receive the \$500 stipend from Dr. Ender this year; Julie will follow up on this. It was approved to send flowers to Jeanne Leininger at Marianjoy from the Board and a check was issued to Judy Longmore to order the flowers.

MEMBERSHIP – Our memberships is now 302 with 1 pending. Discussion ensued whether we should call people and see if they just forgot to sign up or encourage them to sign up. Seeing that we had two faculty members attending the meeting, it was discussed how important faculty involvement in the Annuitants Association/Board would be. It was felt that we needed to market our association more and one idea was to have our president, Dr. Ender, or a member of the Annuitant's Board to either at the all staff meeting in August or the end of the year meeting to take time to inform the staff about us and the benefits of belonging. A table outside the meeting could be staffed with a member(s) and brochures.

Michael presented a list of things to do to recruit members into our group. A recruitment table manned by recently retired or employee members along with veteran members would be set up in an area of the college where there is a lot of foot traffic. Incentives such as candy, SUAA pens, notepads, etc. would be available for give-a-ways. Reference documents to help answer questions: description of SURS, description of SUAA, Tier comparison, bullet points of benefits of joining, information on pending legislation, etc. would be available.

SOCIAL REPORT

- Betty Hull informed us of an event being sponsored by the Sixth District ACA Townhall meeting on Saturday, June 3, 5:00pm-6:30pm at Fremd High School Auditorium. Peter Roskam has been invited to attend and possibly Congresswoman Jan Schakowsky who is adopting our district.
- Harper College Jazz Dinner – Wednesday, June 21, 2017. Roger in HR will be called to see if the dinner is free to retirees.
- Ravinia lawn tickets are available for HCAA members for the following two events: Sunday, August 13, 2017, 5:00 pm – Chicago Symphony Orchestra performs a Tribute to Ira Gershwin. Friday, September 8, 2017, 8:00 pm: Frankie Valli & the Four Seasons. Tickets will be distributed on a first come basis by contacting Diane Kinn (708-212-5792) or Jeanne Pankanin

(847-207-3408). See email from Diane Kinn dated July 15, 2017 for more details or <http://myhcaa.com>

- Saturday, September 16 – Harper 50th Anniversary Gala at the Wheeling Airport. Tickets selling for \$500 with the goal of raising \$1,000,000 for the Foundation.
- Monday, September 18, 2017- President Ender’s annual (free) Luncheon with Retirees and HCAA’s official Annual Meeting.
- Harper College Anniversary Celebration – April 14, 2018. Members need to “hype” this event.
- Pavers for Promise – (Foundation Fundraiser) A plaque honoring the founding staff, faculty and administrators (129 members) will be hung in the new Building Rotunda or Library. Originally, Paver bricks were going to be used to represent these people but the vendor couldn’t accommodate that many names.
- We had a reminder to check on the paver that the Annuitants would be purchasing and the verbiage to be used.

LEGISLATIVE REPORT/DISCUSSION

Linda reported that staff is being reduced in many colleges in Illinois do the stalling of the budget process and it is getting to a critical stage; The Windfall Provision is still in committee and we are encouraged to call our representatives.

Taxing retirement income: Joe Grush, Legislative Chair, said that it is unlikely that the State will address this issue for at least 2 years.

FORMATION OF MEMBERSHIP COMMITTEE

A Slate of officers are needed for the coming year. Julie Hennig, Bruce Bohrer and Michael Nejman have agreed to work on this project.

SUAA ANNUAL MEETING - June 20 -21, 2017. Volunteers were needed to attend the SUAA meeting in Springfield. Bonnie Henry and either Pat Wenthold or Sharon Martin may volunteer to attend.

FUTURE OF HCAA BOARD – tabled until the next meeting.

HARPER COLLEGE ANNIVERSARY CELEBRATION – FOUNDERS GALA – September 16, 2017 at the Wheeling Airport. 400 tickets have been sold at \$500 a ticket and the event is currently sold out. They hope to raise a million dollars from the event for the Foundation.

PRESIDENT’S LUNCHEON/OUR MEETING – September 18, 2017 – Invitations will be sent from the President’s Office. Please try and attend.

NEXT MEETING – September 18, 2017 following the President’s luncheon.

Judy Longmore

July 24, 2017