

Harper College Annuitants Association Notes

April 11, 2019

ATTENDEES: Steve Catlin, Linda Frank, Kathy Hanahan, Betty Hull, Diane Kinn, Judy Longmore, Sharon Martin, Michael Nejman, Jeanne Pankanin and Pat Wenthold

The meeting began at 10:11 a.m.

NOTES – The Notes of February 7, 2019 were approved without changes and were sent to Judi Zaplatynsky to be added to the HCAA Website.

TREASURER'S REPORT – Sharon Martin submitted the Treasurer's Report and our ending balance as of April 11, 2019 is \$6,142.68.

MEMBERSHIP REPORT -In Hazel's absence, Michael reported that there are currently 289 active members, but we must continue to reach out to both working and retired faculty and staff and let them know the benefits of being a HCCA member. It was recommended by Judi Zaplatynsky that we create a half sheet handout outlining who we are and our purpose. Thanks to Sue Bonchek who created an artistic and eye appealing handout which was perfect. We have 500 copies for distribution and costing only \$33.26 for printing. These will be distributed at various functions this year. Michael now has the college account number to be used for these expenses. The college has been very supportive of HCAA and has allotted \$1,500 for our yearly expenses. Continue to reach out to faculty and staff encouraging joining HCAA.

SOCIAL REPORT – Diane reported that there is an event scheduled for Saturday, May 4, 2019 from 3:00-5:00 p.m. at Pinot Palette at the Arboretum South Barrington. It will be an afternoon to paint, drink and have fun. The cost is \$29.00. No alcohol is allowed at this location. Let Diane (708-212-5792) or Jaci (847-894-4203) know if you are interested in this event. More information will in the HCAA Spring Newsletter that Diane sends out. Please be on the lookout for the newsletter. Our annual breakfast for retired faculty and staff will be on Wednesday, June 5, 2019 at 9:30 a.m. at Anna's Red Apple Restaurant, 2121 S. Plum Grove Road, Palatine. Call Jaci or Diane for reservations. Ravinia information is not available currently. Discussion to attend local musical events/programs was discussed along with a benefits fair, the May concert for retirees with a 50% discount and the Employee Barbecue. At these events we would have the opportunity to advertise and promote membership in the HCA

LEGISLATIVE REPORT – Linda Frank, chair of the Legislative Committee, submitted a report highlighting the following points:

- There are now 50 new legislators in Springfield with the largest number in the House.
- Governor Pritzker is actively negotiating to find monies to address the pension debt. Under consideration is a graduated income tax, a motor fuel tax, legalizing sports betting and sale of cannabis.
- Discussion continues on the 3% Rule and how it impacts Higher Education. It is currently sitting in committee and needs to be called for a vote. Consider contacting your legislators. Linda Brookhart asks that folks impacted by the 3% limit send her an email about their situation so she can present real life cases to educate legislators.
- The budget is due May 31. SUAA is waiting to see what the substantive plans will be before taking any position.

- At the local level, the team plans to meet with Jeff Julian, Executive Director of Communication and Kim Pohl, Media Relations and Legislative Affairs Manager. The team also plans to meet with Representative Fred Crespo, the new assistant majority leader in the State House and Dr. Avis Proctor, our new Harper College President. The complete Legislative Committee Report can be found on the HCAA Harper Website www.myhcaa.com

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SUAA REGION 1 MEETING ON MARCH 12, 2019 - Linda Frank and Pat Wenthold attended the Region 1 SUAA meeting and reported the following:

- Several colleges presented information about their chapters' plans to increase membership. Of special note was Colleen Rock Ellis from GSU who distributed a 'GSU-SUAA 2018-2019 Recruitment Plan.' Handout will be given to the HCAA membership team.
- Linda Brookhart shared that we can order new SUAA brochures by emailing SUAA headquarters. She also encouraged all to view videos on the SUAA website about 'how to do recruitment.'
- Bob Kerr, CLC, shared that the bylaws committee will propose an official change to the name of the current general board of directors to that of house of delegates. The executive committee may increase in number as a result. The delegates will be able to vote on some items as they have in the past but will not be put in a position of vulnerability from liability. This appears to be a change in name only. Bob promised that the proposal will be shared at least 30 days in advance of the next SUAA meeting for review.
- Alice Medenwald, NEIU, announced the SUAA Foundation Scholarship program – up to four \$500 scholarships annually. The scholarships will be awarded for use in accredited degree-seeking programs, eligible technical/trade programs, eligible certificate programs, and for professional development (travel expenses are excluded). The applicant must be a SUAA member in good standing or the spouse/partner, child or grandchild of a SUAA member in good standing. Application materials will be available on the SUAA website. Review of applications will begin on June 1, 2019. Questions can be directed to Alice Medenwald at johnmedenwald@sbcglobal.net. Note: materials may not have been added to the website yet. Chapter presidents will be notified.
- Karl Harrison's term is up in June. A new University representative is needed. Pat Wenthold has one year left as community college rep.

SLATE OF OFFICERS – a slate of officers is needed by our annual meeting in September. The current slate is as follows:

Linda Frank – president
Michael Nejman – past president
Sharon Martin – treasurer
Secretary – position needs to be filled
President elect – position needs to be filled

A nominating committee needs to be formed so we can take the slate of officers to our annual meeting in September. Kathy Hanahan and Linda Frank volunteered to be on the committee.

SUAA ANNUAL MEETING JUNE 27 AND 28 SPRINGFIELD, ILLINOIS – Linda and Michael will be attending. Funds for two registrations and two rooms were voted on and approved.

MEET WITH NEW PRESIDENT - Dr. Avis Proctor will begin on July 1, 2019.

Foundation findings – Heather Zoldak sent Michael an email regarding retiree involvement in the Foundation. She reported the following:

- 15% have made a donation since 7/1/2017
- 19% have attended a Foundation event since 7/1/17
- 7 have included Harper College in their estate plans
- 24 have created a Harper College Educational Foundation scholarship (17 of which are endowed, meaning they will last in perpetuity)

533 retirees are in the data base.

NEW BUSINESS: Michael just received an email from the Harper College Alumni Association announcing that there will be a summer cocktail reception on July 25, 2019, from 5:30-7:00 p.m. in the Wojcik Center connecting retirees and alumni. This will be an opportunity to meet the new president, Dr. Avis Proctor. Michael shared that there is a lot of work put into these events so keep the date open.

NEXT MEETING: June 20, 2019 at 10:00 a.m., Room TBA

ADJOURNMENT: 11:33 a.m.

Respectfully submitted,

5/1/2019