

HOUSTON BAPTIST UNIVERSITY

RETIREES' ASSOCIATION

MINUTES OF THE ADMINISTRATIVE BOARD MEETING

JUNE 21, 2012

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10:30 A.M.

Attendees included Mary Ellen Spore, Jon M. Suter, Ed Best, Shari Wescott, Ruth Ann Williamson, Jennie Hedger, Ken Rogers, Candace Desrosiers, Judy Elleson, Loree Watson, and Becky Greer; also in attendance was Barbara Owens.

After Mary Ellen Spore called the meeting to order, Candace Desrosiers led in prayer.

OLD BUSINESS

Under old business, the question of costs of meals for members was discussed thoroughly. Based upon current figures from Aramark, the cost per person has been approximately \$11.40; the projected cost per meal is \$14.70. Consideration was given to the reduction in support from the University from \$2,000 to \$1,500 per year. Ken Rogers moved and Ruth Ann Williamson seconded that the Association keep the current price of \$5.00 per meal until we have further information; the motion passed unanimously and included a survey of the October attendees on their attitudes toward increased costs.

A second discussion covered the procedures to be followed in depositing receipts for meals at general meetings and annual dues. Jon Suter moved and Shari Wescott seconded a continuation of the current procedure of depositing all receipts into the restricted account and making all disbursements from the University account until it is depleted. Loree Watson commented that that procedure would cause no problems. The motion passed unanimously.

NEW BUSINESS

Under new business, the following tentative dates were established for the 2012-13 academic year: (1) Board meetings will be on Tuesday, August 28, 2012; Tuesday, January 15, 2013; and, Tuesday, March 19, 2013; (2) General meetings will be on Friday, October 19, 2012, at 11:30 a.m. in the Dillon Center; February 22, 2013, probably in McNair Hall; and April 26, 2013, at 5:30 p.m., probably in the Dillon Center. See below for programs for the general meetings. Jon Suter moved for acceptance of the schedule and Ruth Ann Williamson seconded. The motion passed unanimously.

A book on religion will be chosen and purchased for Moody Library in memory of Pat Lassonde.

The members of the HBU Executive Board will be invited to attend the Association's general meetings at the same cost as for members of the Association. The motion by Shari Wescott was seconded by Jenny Hedger; it passed unanimously.

The possibility of a reception at President Sloan's home sometime during the year was discussed. Ruth Ann Williamson will report on possible dates for such a reception at the August meeting.

Jennie Hedger was asked to explore the feasibility of starting a Retirees' Book Club; she will report at the August 28 meeting.

Mary Ellen Spore asked Jon M. Suter to identify any parts of the By-laws that need revision. He will report at the August 28 meeting.

#### REPORTS

Secretary Jon Suter moved for approval, with corrections, of the minutes of the March 20, 2012, meeting of the Administrative Board. Ken Rogers moved and Becky Greer seconded the motion which then passed unanimously.

Treasurer Ken Rogers reported that "we have money," but did not have the specific figures.

Historian Ed Best had nothing to report, but former Historian Ken Rogers noted that all archival materials prior to 2006 are now deposited in Moody Library; Dean Riley is the librarian in charge of HBU archives.

Membership Chair Shari Wescott discussed plans for contacting prospective members; she will coordinate with Candace Desrosiers on current addresses, e-mail addresses, etc. Ruth Ann Williamson turned over a CD-ROM with membership information to Shari.

Assistant Chair Ruth Ann Williamson will confirm that Dr. Chris Hammons will speak at the October meeting and that Dr. John Yarrington and his students will provide music at the February meeting. The program for the April meeting will probably include President Sloan, but that is not yet certain; Candace Desrosiers will meet with Sharon Saunders to ascertain Dr. Sloan's availability for the April meeting.

Members at Large Judy Elleson and Jennie Hedger had no reports.

University Liaisons Candace Desrosiers and Loree Watson had no reports.

#### ANNOUNCEMENTS

Candace Desrosiers mentioned upcoming events of potential interest to the membership, particularly the Spirit of Excellence Dinner combined with Homecoming on November 1, 2012, and the opening of the new Fine Arts Museum on September 27, 2012.

The meeting adjourned at ca. 11:45 a.m.