

Houston Baptist University  
Retiree' Association  
April 26<sup>th</sup>, 2013

The April 2013 dinner meeting was held in Dillon II, Hinton Building. It was called to order by Chair, Mary Ellen Spore. Dr. Don Looser led us in a word of prayer, followed by a lovely dinner. The Chair thanked Candace Desrosiers for all her great planning. Ruth Ann Williamson introduced Dr. Robert Sloan, HBU President and thanked him for his support of this Association. His topic was "Current and Future Happenings at HBU." Dr. Sloan reported that there were several new majors such as Media Arts, Cinema and Film Arts, Apologetics, a Master's in Philosophy, and a Doctoral program in Education. He spoke of safety being of great importance to the campus. The Bradshaw Fitness Center will receive a new climbing wall. Patrick Moore will start a new marching band for the support of the football team. Dr. Sloan then introduced Coach Vic Shealy, whose topic was "Football at HBU." Coach Shealy spoke enthusiastically about the new football program and its benefits to HBU students and the University.

**Old Business:** The Chair encouraged each member to be a committee of one and assist in recruiting new members to the Retiree's Association who are retiring or those whom we know.

**New Business:** The Chair reported that due to the sizable cash reserve built up by the Association, the Administrative Board has decided to use part of this reserve (\$2,000-\$3,000) to fund a project that will benefit the students of the University. At the June Executive Board Meeting there will be two presentations suggesting projects for which the Association may provide financial support. The suggestions are: funding scholarships or funding The Academic Success Center. The motion to accept the Board's suggestion to use funds to support students at HBU and make a decision was made by Dr. Harold Raley and seconded by Dr. Stephen Wentland. The board will report back at the October general meeting. The motion passed.

**Officer Reports:** *Assistant Chair*, Ruth Ann Williamson, reported on the plans for next year. Dr. John Mark Reynolds will be the speaker at the Fall Meeting and a musical program will be presented in February. If anyone has a suggestion for the Spring Meeting, please contact Ruth Ann.

*Secretary*, Becky Greer, presented the minutes. Dr. Daton Dodson made the motion to accept the minutes as read and Barbara Owens seconded. The motion was approved.

*Treasurer*, Ken Rogers reported that there was \$1,500 in the University account and \$6,514.57 in our Retiree's Account but stated that the dinner costs will be taken out of the Retirees' Account. Mr. Rogers thanked Loree Watson and her team for all the help in gathering the information for his report.

*Historian* Ed Best was not in attendance.

Hospitality Officer Ann Owen was not in attendance.

*Membership Officer* Shari Westcot reported that the new directory was available at the meeting. Please pick up a copy and sign the sheet provided.

*Representative-at-large*, Jennie Hedger reported on the book club for retirees. The next meeting will be Thursday, May 16<sup>th</sup>, 2013 in room 111 of the Library from 11:30 a.m. to 1:30 p.m. The following meeting will be August 1.<sup>st</sup> You can bring your lunch or there is a coffee bar in the Library. Please come if you can to any of the meetings.

**Announcements:** Please pick up a directory. Thanks to Shari for all the work. There is a separate page in the directory to correct accidental deletions in the In Memoriam page. All of next year's meetings will be lunchtime events due to the survey that was conducted by the Board. Dues for this year are due and may be paid tonight. Don't forget the book club on May 16<sup>th</sup>, 2013. Thank you again for your attendance.

The meeting was adjourned.

Respectfully submitted by Becky Greer, Secretary