

HOUSTON BAPTIST UNIVERSITY RETIREES' ASSOCIATION

MINUTES OF THE ADMINISTRATIVE BOARD MEETING

January 14, 2014

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10:30 AM

Attendees included Mary Ellen Spore, Candace Desrosiers, Daton Dodson, Becky Greer, Ann Owen, Ken Rogers, Shari Wescott and Ruth Ann Williamson.

Mary Ellen Spore called the meeting to order and Becky Greer opened with a prayer. Mary Ellen welcomed everyone.

OFFICER REPORTS

The motion to accept the minutes from the August 20th board meeting with corrections was made by Ann Owen and seconded by Daton Dodson. The motion passed.

Treasurer, Ken Rogers reported that there was \$6,855.85 in the Association's account and \$687.27 in the University account. Ruth Ann made the motion to approve the treasurer's report and it was seconded by Daton Dodson. The motion passed.

Historian, Ed Best was not in attendance.

Membership Officer, Shari Wescott reported that several of the members had not paid dues for this year and would be sent an e-mail and those who do not have e-mail would be sent a letter. If any Board members have new addresses for members or prospective members please give them to Shari.

Hospitality Officer, Ann Owen reported that a thank you letter had been received from Maydene Wells and the letter was read to the members. It was reported that David Wehr, former HBU choral director had passed away, and a sympathy card was sent to his wife Nancy. Dick Parker's wife Ann has been seriously ill and a card was sent to her.

Assistant Chair, Ruth Ann Williamson reported that Bill Balleza will be the speaker for the spring meeting. Dr. John Yarrington and the King's Men will be the program for February. An honorarium will be given for the group.

Member-at-Large, Jon Suter was not in attendance. The book club time will meet from 11:30 a.m. to 1:30 p.m. at the parlor in the Lake House. The dates for future book club meetings are as follows: Thursday, February 27th, Thursday, May 1st, and Thursday, August 7th. The book for February Book club meeting is "Caleb's Crossing" by Geraldine Brooks. Her fourth novel's announced subject is Caleb Cheeshahteaumauk, a member of the Wampanoag Indian tribe that inhabits Massachusetts's Great Harbor (a part of Martha's Vineyard), and the first Native American who will graduate from Harvard College (in 1665).

Member-at-Large, Daton Dodson was acknowledged and thanked for his input and observations.

University Liaison, Candace Desrosiers reported that the Houston Symphony will perform in the Cultural Arts Center on January 18th at 7:30p.m. A high school musical "Beauty and the Beast" will be on campus February 6, 7 and 8th.

University Liaison, Loree Watson was not in attendance.

OLD BUSINESS

Discussion followed concerning the monies collected at the meetings. There seems to be some confusion over deposits. All monies collected are deposited into the Retirees' Restricted Account. However, money collected for dues must first go to Advancement to reflect a donation to the University before being deposited into the Retirees' Restricted Account. Money collected for lunches is deposited directly into the Retirees' Restricted Account. The Treasurer is responsible for these deposits. Further discussion will take place at the March Board meeting.

It was reported that Bill Balleza would not accept an honorarium and it was suggested that we donate it to the charity of his choice.

Clarification was made on who is responsible for writing a "Thank You" note to accompany the honorarium for the guest speaker. The By-Laws state that the Hospitality Officer will write the note.

Continued discussion concerning funding the Academic Success Center followed. It was pointed out that the Success Center might not have received the monies that the Retirees have given to them. Mary Ellen will investigate the problem and get back to the Board. She announced that the director of the Academic Success Center sent her an e-mail giving an update of the program. Ms. Mueller will report on the Academic Success Center's progress at the April Meeting and also bring a student tutor.

NEW BUSINESS

Discussion to purchase a table for \$120.00 for ten people for the University Celebration on May 2, 2014 was followed with a motion by Ann Owen to purchase and it was seconded by Daton Dodson. The motion passed.

Mary Ellen asked the Board if it was appropriate to invite the new retirees to the February meeting. The suggestion was approved and it was decided that members of the Board would call or e-mail the new retirees and invite them. Becky Greer will call Tina Turner and Joe Blair. Ruth Ann Williamson will contact Eloise Hughes. Ann Owen will contact Linda Brupbacher and Daton Dodson will call Ernie Pyle to invite them to the meeting.

Daton Dodson will chair the Nominating Committee for 2014-2016 officers. Other committee members are Shari Wescott, Harold Raley and Ruth Ann Williamson.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

The date for the April Retirees' Meeting will be April 4th and will be a luncheon. The date set for the next Board Meeting will be March 18th. Please encourage other colleagues to attend the luncheon meetings.

The meeting was adjourned.

Respectfully submitted Becky Greer