

HOUSTON BAPTIST UNIVERSITY RETIREES' ASSOCIATION
MINUTES OF THE JANUARY 13, 2015 ADMINISTRATIVE BOARD MEETING
HINTON HOUSE, 10:30 AM

Attendees: Ruth Ann Williamson, Linda Brupbacher, Candice Desrosiers Daton Dodson,
Jon Suter, Shari Wescott,

OPENING PRAYER

After Ruth Ann Williamson called the meeting to order, Shari Wescott voiced the opening prayer.

OFFICER REPORTS

Secretary, Linda Brupbacher, presented the minutes of the August 12, 2014 Administrative Board Meeting and of the October 10, 2014 Association Meeting. They were approved subject to corrections.

Treasurer, Daton Dodson, presented the Treasurer's Report, which contained discrepancies that will be addressed.

University Liaison, Candace Desrosiers, distributed information about the February performance of the Houston Symphony at HBU. She also explained that retirees will have the option of receiving Campus Connections when the new mass email system that is currently being considered is in place. Currently someone cannot subscribe to only a part of the system. If they unsubscribe to a part of the system, they are eliminated from the entire system; however, that will change with the new mass email system.

OLD BUSINESS

October 10, 2014 Luncheon. Board members evaluated the October luncheon positively. The only suggestion was that the "A Word from Our Sponsor" portion be somewhat shorter.

Review of Upcoming Dates. Luncheon meetings will be held on February 13 and April 10. The Board will meet March 10.

Book Club. Low attendance continues to be a factor. Future meetings will be held on February 26, May 7 and August 6. The books that will be discussed have not yet been determined. Both *All the Light We Cannot See* by Anthony Doerr and *I am Pilgrim* by Terry Hayes are being considered.

Letter to be Sent to Members about the Next Luncheon Meeting. Edits for the letter about the February 13, Luncheon Meeting were suggested and will be included when the letter is mailed to members at the end of January. Reservation and a non-refundable pre-payment may be made either online or through a check sent to Daton Dodson. The online payment or check must be received by the February 9th deadline for members to receive the reduced \$7.00 per person rate. If paid at the door, the luncheon will cost \$10.00. This is still less than the \$15.00 Aramark charges for each lunch.

NEW BUSINESS

February Meeting Set-up. Candace Desrosiers will handle set up for the February Luncheon Meeting.

HBU News Possibility. The Board approved the inclusion of the Board's group photo in any HBU publications.

End-of-Year Celebration. The Board will purchase a table at the April 24, End-of-Year Kentucky-Derby Themed Reception. Each table seats 10 people.

Membership Directory. Membership Chair, Shari Wescott, solicited needed changes to the upcoming directory and assigned board members to contact designated people who have not yet paid their 2014-2015 dues. In order for them to be included in the new membership directory, dues will need to be paid by February 9.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

"The Collegian." This is now an online news vehicle.

Future Meetings. Dr. Sloan will speak at the February 13 luncheon. *The Word from Our Sponsor* portion of the program will be a brief update about the state of the HBU alumni. Dr. Linder will speak at the April luncheon. His topic will be "A View of Houston from the Conductor's Podium. The Word from Our Sponsor portion will be an update about the Master of Fine Arts program presented by Michael Collins.

Membership Directory. Ruth Ann Williamson shared a photo of the Looser Fountains that will be used for the cover of the directory.

ADJOURNMENT. The meeting was adjourned at 12:15.

Respectfully submitted by Linda Brupbacher, Secretary.