April 7, 2009

The meeting was called to order by President Kee Groshong. Those in attendance were: Kee Groshong, Gary Zwonitzer, Jo Behymer, Gary Smith, Roger Mitchell, Tom Freeman, Ernest Hilderbrand, Mary Ellen Kanak, Veralee Hardin Phillips, John Bauman, Barton Boyle, Marlene Duffield, Ed Hunvald, Sylvia Bradfield, and Bob Stewart.

The minutes of the February 10, 2009 MURA Board of Director’s meeting were approved and accepted as presented.

The treasurer’s report was distributed by Gary Zwonitzer and approved as presented showing a checkbook balance as of January 31, 2009 as $4,284.91. Total Assets has a balance of $46,907.55 as of the same date.

**Membership** report as of April 7, 2009 distributed by Ernest Hilderbrand, shows there are 1,180 active members with 688 being life members. 975 have paid current dues and 205 are delinquent. There will be a table set up for registration for MURA at the Chancellor’s Luncheon. There is a need for volunteers to man the table. Roger Mitchell said we need MURA to get recent MU retirees to join as life members.

**Program** – Barton Boyle stated an email reminder will be sent for the May 13th picnic. There are 35 signed up to date.

The program committee would like the fall and winter socials to be held on Thursdays starting this fall. The Reynolds Center is open for dinner on those nights so the hope is more from the social will stay for dinner.

**Communications** – Tom Freeman will contact Todd McCubbin and get a paragraph to include in the next newsletter on retirees helping students move in to the dorms in the fall.

**Retirement, Health and Other Benefits** – John Bauman – this committee has been contacted by Meichele Foster, Development Officer of the School of Health Professions. Because of the recent closing of the Health Connections, she would like MURA to help support Health Connections to remain open. There have been 325 participants and they had facilities for double that amount.

**University Liaison** – Gary Smith and Kee Groshong recently met with the President who stated the retirement program is solvent.

At a recent meeting with the Chancellor they were told the Columbia Campus is in good shape compared to the other campuses.

Gary stated there was to be an open house Thursday evening for Newsy.com, located above the Upper Crust. They have news stories with different view points.
Awards – Kee Groshong stated that two winners have been chosen to be named at the Chancellor’s lunch.

Audit – President Groshong will appoint a new chair for this committee.

University Retiree Benefits – Bob Stewart stated there was nothing major to report.

Faculty Council – Ed Hunvald said the next faculty committee meeting will be next Thursday.

Staff Council – Marlene Duffield stated the committee meets two times a month.

Old Business:

United Way – President Groshong said that $619,189 has been pledged with 104% or $57,807 from retirees.

New Business:

Energy Summit – Gary Smith stated that volunteers are needed for April 22 and 23rd for this event. An email announcement will be forthcoming.

Meeting adjourned 3:10 p.m.

Sylvia Bradfield, MURA Secretary, 2000-2009

Mary Ellen Kanak, MURA Secretary, 2009-2012