



BOARD OF DIRECTORS MEETING MINUTES

September 25, 2013

PRESENT: Ken Hutchinson, Rose Porter, Shirley Patterson, Jim Koller, Robert Almony, Gary Smith, Rose Porter, Phil Shocklee, Rich Anderson, Nan Erickson, Kitty Dickerson, Pasty Higgins, John Parker, Libby Miederhoff, Barbara Harris, Don Sievert

The meeting was called to order at 2 p.m. by President Ken Hutchinson. It was moved and seconded that the Agenda be approved. Passed.

INTRODUCTIONS: Robert Almony was welcomed to the Board.

MINUTES: It was moved by Nan Erickson and seconded by Gary Smith that the minutes from the July 2013 meeting be approved. Passed.

PRESIDENT'S REPORT: Ken Hutchinson

- Read a "thank you" note from Joyce Mitchell for the MURA donation in memory of Roger Mitchell
- Ken has been attending the United Way campaign meetings. Dan Clay, Dean of the College of Education, is heading up the MU drive. A promotional video was shown featuring a number of people from MU speaking about the need for donations for the UW campaign this year. Last year, the funding model for UW was changed to an impact model to support youth, and a number of agencies supporting senior citizens were not funded causing a loss of donations. Again this year, there is a targeted campaign to support the broad issues of youth in the community.
- There is a concern regarding membership in MURA. The MURA board members have many connections with MU retirees and contacting them to encourage membership could strengthen the Association. MURA brochures were distributed and each board member took at least five to send to a friend/acquaintance about the benefits of joining MURA. Board asked if there were any incentives we could offer new members. A discussion ensued around ways to grow the Association. Barbara Harris gets the names of new retirees each month. There are around 25, depending on the month. Ken suggested we might set up a standard procedure to let them know that any new member has the first year of membership free.

TREASURER'S REPORT: (See the Treasurer's report prepared by Earl Wilson attached to these minutes)

STANDING COMMITTEE REPORTS

Awards: Max Miller (no report)

Communication: Barb Harris

- Learning the job has taken some time. The two main efforts at this time are to update the website and produce the newsletter.
- The newsletter is in draft form now. We can still add to it before it goes to print. One event in particular, the Holiday luncheon, will need to be added to the newsletter
- The website is now in the office of the MU Alumnae Association. It is a user-friendly system. Jayson Meyer is refreshing the website today. The October 15 Fall Social and the December 21 Holiday Luncheon along with the rest of the yearly schedule will be posted. The nomination form for MURA Awards will also be on the website.

Education: John Parker

- John reported on the upcoming breakfast meetings
November: Kirk Trevor, Conductor of the Missouri Symphony
December: Tony Alioto
January: Frank Conley
- Tom Henderson will take reservations starting in November

Finance: Earl Wilson (no additional report)

Government Affairs: Gary Smith

- The Governor's veto on HB253 was upheld

Nominating: Rose Porter

Nominees for MURA Board of Directors: A committee Report, Rose Porter, Chair

The Nominating committee has completed its assignment and submits the following nominations for MURA board members:

Tom Henderson: Program Chair/President-Elect

Earl Wilson: Treasurer

Phil Shocklee Staff Representative on the board of directors

Rich Anderson Staff Representative on the board of directors

Members of the Committee: Kitty Dickerson, Jack Miles, Nan Erickson, Rich Anderson

It was moved by John Parker and seconded that the slate be accepted and nominees were elected unanimously.

Ombudsman: Patsy Higgins (no report)

Program: Jim Koller

- Jim has met with the appropriate University people to discuss the Holiday luncheon and has negotiated what will be required including menu, costs, equipment, etc. He will finalize the arrangements soon and will provide information for Barbara Harris for the newsletter. Rod Gelatt will be the MC for the Luncheon.
- The Committee met at the Upper Crust at Green Meadows. They discussed the gifts for the Deaton's and had the following ideas:
 - John Parker can arrange a fishing trip with Scott Pauly OR turkey or deer hunting trip
 - Gary Smith suggested a country ham and a case of wine
- The award recognition will be November 9 at the Fall Social with the following program:
 - Deaton award
 - Speakers: Tom Richardson, Betsy Rodriguez, David Russell
- A new committee member, Sandy Stegal, will be appointed

Retirement, Health, Benefits: Doris Littrell (no report)

University Liaison/Administration: Nan Erickson (see report attached)

- The next UM Retirees Association Leaders meeting is October 16, 2013
- Due to the busy schedule of Chancellor Deaton before his retirement on November 15, his office has requested that the fall meeting of MURA officers with the Chancellor be scheduled sometime in December (after the new Chancellor is in office).

Past Presidents: Gary Smith

- The group met and discussed the gift for the Deaton's and the outcome for HB253

EX-OFFICIO, AD HOC, AND OTHER SPECIAL COMMITTEE REPORTS

Audit Report: Libby Miederhoff (see letter)

- Jim Lay and Libby did the annual audit
- They commend the Treasurer for his work this past year
- They recommend that the sales tax exemption letter needs to be shared with any MURA member who purchases anything on behalf of MURA

Faculty Council: Don Sievert (see report)

Osher Lifelong Learning Institute: (Gary Smith reported)

- Planning a move some time in December to the old Conservation building close to Old 63 and Stadium
- The city is renovating the building
- A new Assistant Director has been hired for a half time position
- They have started a new annual charge rather than paying by the course
- The board has also started a development effort that is progressing well

OLD BUSINESS: Rose Porter reported on the UM Task Force that is reviewing benefits. The group is to give a report next year. They will make recommendations at that time.

NEW BUSINESS: Robert Almony distributed information regarding the 3.8 percent Medicare tax on investment income.

Next meeting of the Board is January 22, 2014.

No further business. Meeting adjourned at 3:20 PM.

Respectfully submitted,

Shirley Patterson, Secretary

**Treasurer's Report to MURA Board
July 1, 2013 to August 31, 2013**

Receipts:	
Annual dues	\$ 30.00
Lifetime dues	<u>225.00</u>
Total receipts *	255.00
Expenditures:	
Newsletter, February 2013	<u>(718.70)</u>
Decrease in cash for the period	(463.70)
Cash balance, July 1, 2013	<u>8,165.70</u>
Cash balance, August 31, 2013	<u>\$7,701.49</u>

*Note: Member dues for the same period last year were \$547.50. I attribute most of the difference to the delay in publishing the July newsletter. However, as I presented at the last Board meeting, we have experienced a steady decline in member dues for the past five years. Our newsletter reminder system does not appear to be effective. If MURA can develop a membership e-mail listing, e-mail dues notices would be more effective. Postal mail notices could be sent to members who do not have e-mail. This would be consistent with the practices of many other member organizations.

Ken Hutchinson, President
MU Retirees Association

Subject: Audit of MURA Financial Records

The Audit Committee has completed the audit of MU Retirees Association Financial Records for the fiscal year ended June 30, 2013.

We traced deposits to bank statements and financial reports. We traced disbursements to source documents, bank statements and financial reports. We believe the financial statements accurately reflect the financial position of the MU Retirees Association.

We commend the treasurer for his diligence in pursuing federal tax-exempt status as a 501(c) (4) entity for the organization. We note he has also obtained a state sales tax exemption number from the Missouri Department of Revenue. We recommend the sales tax exemption document be provided to officers/members who make purchases for MURA.

We appreciate the assistance and cooperation of the MURA Treasurer.

Respectfully submitted,



AUDIT COMMITTEE
Libby Miederhoff, Chair
Jim Lav

**REPORT OF UM RETIREES ASSOCIATION LEADERS SUMMER MEETING
July 24, 2013**

Attendees: Elizabeth Cummins-Vonalt, Sharon Davis, Dave Dearth, Nan Erickson, David Ganz, Lawrence C. George, Patricia Hovis-French, Ken Hutchinson, Jim Koller, Nancy Mills, Mary Anne Morgenegg, Shirley Patterson, Rose Porter, Bob Stewart, Earl Wilson, and guest, Melanie Barger

LEADERS' DISCUSSIONS

Introductions were made, and Sharon Davis (St. Louis) and Jim Koller (Columbia) were welcomed.

Reminder: The date for the remaining meeting in 2013 is Wednesday, October 23.

Report from Nancy Mills, Chair of Kansas City Emeritus College Committee: The committee's work began in January 2011. Process included checking with 14 other emeritus colleges to see how they were established and what their goals are; surveying Kansas City retired faculty to see if they would value such a college and the activities they would like to see; and meeting with various consistencies—trying to strengthen rather than compete with other groups. The committee chose a model that is treated as an academic unit. The first dean has been appointed by the Provost and will attend the Deans Council and report to the Provost as other deans do.

Some goals of the Emeritus College are to provide retired faculty with (1) enrichment activities, (2) opportunities for speaking and offering programming on and off campus, (3) funding for continuing research, and (4) creative and artistic activities, such as musical performances. Committee members currently are holding fundraising activities in order to fund an endowment.

Their current retiree association is for both staff and faculty. However, Nancy noted that the Emeritus College will not be involved in any political lobbying, so that is one way that it differs from the retiree association.

Updates from Retiree Groups:

Columbia—Increased emphasis on membership needed. Earl Wilson, MURA's treasurer, obtained the non-for-profit organization status [501(c)(4)] for MURA resulting in sales tax exemption and non-profit mail rates.

Kansas City—Special activities are planned for retirees to celebrate the establishment of the University of Missouri-Kansas City (80 years ago). Trying to (1) establish faculty and staff retiree awards, (2) obtain oral histories from retirees, and (3) publish the deaths of retirees in a timely and accurate manner in newsletters. Also, interested in creating an Osher program. *(FYI, Pat: Lucille*

Salerno is Director of the Osher Lifelong Learning Institute at MU, and her phone number is 573-884-5927; John Parker was the “visionary” of this program at MU, and his phone number is 573-442-5215.)

Rolla—Seven luncheons plus a picnic per year generate good attendance, but finding adequate space to meet with accessible parking still is difficult. Retiree deaths as well as birthdays are announced at the social events. One newsletter is sent yearly.

St. Louis—Two luncheons scheduled per year. Hard to build a membership base. Trying to send their newsletter via email. A hard copy of the directory is mailed to all members. Main goals are increasing membership and keeping all retirees informed as to association and campus activities.

Melanie Barger, Manager of Constituency Communications, UM System: Melanie reviewed her efforts to keep all UM retirees informed and connected. She shared a draft of the e-newsletter format which she will individualize by campus and the UM System (five different newsletters). Melanie hopes that each campus e-newsletter will be ready to be sent to its retirees in early September. Each newsletter will contain updates, as well as news from the specific campus or system (e.g., human interest stories, annual membership solicitation, and links to retiree websites).

PRESIDENT WOLFE and VICE PRESIDENT RODRIGUEZ

President Wolfe’s remarks mainly focused on HB253. He voiced his concerns about the impact on the state and the University in particular if HB253’s veto is overturned. Possible effects on the University would be a tuition increase, positions and programs eliminated, and capped enrollment. Missourians have been proud and supportive of being a low-tax state. However, alternative revenue sources need to be identified. Leaders of the four campuses are working on contingency plans if the veto is overturned. President Wolfe asked Melanie Barger to forward to us information about HB253 with “talking points” that we can use when we visit with our state legislators and fellow Missourians.

Other news shared by President Wolfe: Student growth is on the rise for this fall; more dollars are being moved to support the strategic plans; search committee for the new MU chancellor will be announced soon; and, as always, there is a continued focus on what the University of Missouri does best.

Vice President Rodriguez discussed the first meeting of the ad hoc task force to review how UM benefits (called Total Rewards) are currently being funded. Guarantees already established will not be changed. Recommendations by this task force, of which Rose Porter is a member, are expected sometime after the holidays.

Meeting adjourned, followed by lunch.

1. Brady Deaton's replacement. President listened to all we had to say, said he agreed with much of it, said that the search would be a "closed" one. Roughly this means that we'll learn who the new Chancellor is when President Wolfe announces who it is. We were assured that this is the best means to get the best person for the job. This did not persuade council members, just as President Wolfe was not persuaded by our reasons for a more open search. Most recent report [9/19/93] from a search committee member is that not much is happening and that applications continue to come in.
2. Council continues to worry about the closing of the Art and Archeology Museum and its move to "Mizzou North," the Fischel Building on the Business Loop. A representative of one planning committee reported to Council that he knew nothing, that his committee likely knew nothing but he wasn't sure because he missed some meetings. Under the ongoing mantra of "shared governance," Council tries to find out why faculty were not consulted but merely informed. Guests such as Jackie Jones [Kee Groshong's replacement] give explanations that displease Council. The focus is on the closing of the Museum, not of Jesse Hall or Swallow Hall.
3. Gary Allen spoke about a committee with the following general description:

MU's Cyberinfrastructure (CI) Council is made up of faculty and IT professional representatives of MU's schools, colleges and divisions. In consultation with researchers and others from across the University, the CI Council has developed this plan and an ongoing structure to help assure its implementation.

Allen presented, and then discussed, a draft of the plan. He was open, communicative and informative. I can provide a copy of the plan if there is interest in seeing it.

4. An NSEI information gathering committee has been formed with Bill Lamberson as its chair. It is intended that this committee will develop a timeline of important events in the creation, duration, and impending alteration in the status [i.e., absorption into the College of Engineering] of NSEI.
5. University Press items. Our two representatives on the appointed Press Committee have sought fiscal data for the Press and have just received [9/23] same after multiple requests. Candidates for Permanent Directorship have been to campus and interviewed within the last couple of months.
6. I will spare you summaries of annual reports from each Council committee as well as agenda for the upcoming year of each Council committee. Gordon Kimber used to say that Council was the most fun he had with his clothes on. But I suspect there are human limits to how many committee reports you wish to hear---or how much fun you'll have hearing them.

