University of Delaware Association of Retired Faculty
Executive Committee Meeting Minutes
Tuesday, November 9, 2010
Courtyard Marriott
Executive Board Room (#106)

Present
Executive Committee: Bob Brown, George Conrade, Carol Hoffecker, Helen Morgan, Mike Pohlen, Larry Purnell, Arlette Rasmussen, Frank Scarpitti, Barbara Viera
Guest: Bob Stark

President Scarpitti welcomed Larry Purnell and Arlette Rasmussen, the two newly appointed At-large members.

Meeting Brought to Order
President Frank Scarpitti called the meeting to order at 2:00 pm

Secretary’s Report
The Committee approved the Minutes from the September 14 meeting as submitted by Helen Morgan, with the understanding that George Conrade (Webmaster) would add them to the UDARF website.

Treasurer’s Report
Treasurer Bob Brown reported the balances in the various UDARF accounts.
Main Account - $2,921.55 (less charges for the Fall Newsletter);
“Gift” Account - $1,035.45;
Luncheon Account - $2,216.36. This account is for receipts and disbursements of luncheon fees.
The Committee accepted the Treasurer’s report with the understanding that Bob would follow-up with Sarah Hedrick who keeps backup and receipts for all accounts administered by the Provost.

Old Business
• Helen Morgan distributed a draft of the UDARF Directory and requested suggestions from Committee members with regard to the status of anyone listed there. There will be an updated version provided to all who attend the December 7 lunch meeting.
• Frank Scarpitti mentioned the costs of the “Intellectual Journey” presentation to be held at the Courtyard Marriott on November 11. Frank said it was necessary to guarantee for forty people and hoped that at least that number would attend. There was also a concern that expenses could be better controlled were the wine to be purchased by the bottle rather than the glass. It was agreed that the monetary issues would be addressed again before the next presentation in April.
• Frank also mentioned that Willard Fletcher would be guest speaker at the next presentation in mid-April--the exact date to be determined later.
There were several suggestions made with regard to the UDARF website, including links to the TIAA-CREF and Fidelity representatives, posting the Executive Meeting Minutes on-line, and keeping up-to-date on home page news. It was also suggested that Wayne Craven’s picture be shown on the Calendar of Events Page.

The hot project for UDARF this season is to improve electronic communications among UDARF members. George is keeping a directory of e-mail addresses for future broadcast messages. Helen Morgan has been working to obtain timely email addresses from the membership in an effort to not only provide George with the new addresses but also to have the Directory as accurate as possible for the December 7 distribution.

Frank had nothing more to report on the Academy of Lifelong Learning being added to the UD fee waiver program.

New Business

Dr. Willard Fletcher will be guest speaker in mid-April for the “Intellectual Journey” presentation at the Marriott. The format will be similar to November, with the talk from approximately 4:00 pm to 5:00 pm and a wine/cheese reception following.

Frank shared his travel plans with the Group. Because Frank will be wintering in Florida from January through early April, Vice President Mike Pohlen will oversee the Exec Committee meeting in February as well as the March lunch meeting.

There was no progress reported with regard to programs for next year’s lunch meetings. Specifically, at the September Board meeting, The Board considered another reading with Steve Teague (Theater) as a possibility for next year. Bob Stark will pursue this with Steve. Frank continues to encourage members to make suggestions for programs for next year’s luncheon meetings. He is hoping for a different, more entertaining focus—perhaps exploring the Arts, either through the Music Department, the Theater, the Art Department, or even Museum Studies. Hopefully, there will be some doable suggestions forthcoming.

Carol Hoffecker wondered about the numbers of UDARF members who live nearby versus those who have relocated. At the last count, there were 463 members listed in the Directory. Of that number, more than 68%--actually 315--live close to Newark (in Delaware alone there are 215, and then there’s Elkton, across the river in New Jersey, and parts of Pennsylvania, like Avondale, Landenberg, West Chester, Kennett Square, Oxford and West Grove). Then we have: 23 in New England, a few in New York and north Pennsylvania, 16 in Florida, 30 between Delaware and Florida, 14 in California, about 20 between here and California--including Texas, New Mexico, Arizona, Indiana, Montana, and Minnesota. Three have mailing addresses outside the USA: One is in the Phillippines, and two are in Canada.

Because the Courtyard Marriott is such a great place for the UDARF Executive Board to meet, we will continue there for the year. The meeting adjourned at 3:30 pm.

Respectfully submitted,
Helen Morgan, Secretary