

**University of Delaware Association of Retired Faculty
Executive Committee Meeting Minutes
Tuesday, April 12, 2011
Courtyard Marriott
Executive Board Room (#106)**

Present

Executive Committee:

Bob Brown, Bob Carroll, Helen Morgan, Mike Pohlen, Larry Purnell, Arlette Rasmussen, Frank Scarpitti, and Barbara Viera

Guest: Bob Stark

Meeting Brought to Order

President Frank Scarpitti called the meeting to order at 2:00 pm. He opened with a welcome to Bob Carroll, the most recently appointed At Large Member, and a thank you to Mike Pohlen for having chaired the meeting in February (due to Frank's absence).

Secretary's Report

The Committee approved the Minutes from the February 8, 2011 Board meeting. Whitney Gunter (Assistant Webmaster) will add them to the UDARF website.

Treasurer's Report

Treasurer Bob Brown reported the balances in the various UDARF accounts as of the end of March statements as follows:

- General Account - \$3,172.45
- "Gift" Account - \$1,035.45 (unchanged)
- Luncheon Account - \$1,351.36*

*Includes March 2 meal costs; does not include attendees' payments.

The Committee accepted, as reported. Bob Brown mentioned again that Sarah Hedrick is now sending him back-up for activity in the accounts, which makes his monitoring and reporting responsibilities much more manageable.

Old Business

- The Committee Members discussed the next Intellectual Journey presentation by History Professor Emeritus Willard Fletcher--scheduled for April 14, just two days after the Board Meeting. Dr. Fletcher's talk is available on the UDARF home page: <http://www.udel.edu/UDARF/>.
- The Committee reviewed arrangements for the next member meeting and reaffirmed the change from the customary Tuesday to Monday, May 9 (to accommodate President Harker's calendar). All notices have emphasized this change so that members--not wanting to miss the President's annual message--would be sure to attend on the correct day.

- Helen Morgan reported on recent website improvements--thanks, primarily, to Whitney Gunter, assistant webmaster. The home page, entitled "UDARF news at a glance," now features a link to the lunch meeting reservation form and an index of links to the most current newsworthy articles, such as the Othello trip to D.C.; the UD Nobel Prize winner celebration; Willard Fletcher's speech; and the most recent UDARF Newsletter. Whitney also added the Minutes from the previous Committee meeting to the "Minutes" section of the website.
- Frank Scarpitti reopened earlier discussions regarding next year's quarterly luncheons. Frank confirmed that the theme would be the "Celebration of the Arts," and further confirmed that Music Professor Xiang Gao will play his violin and discuss his music at the October 4 lunch meeting. December 6 is reserved for a presentation (or reading) from someone in the Theatre Department. Plans for that presentation are not yet final. Frank also mentioned that John J. Weiss, retired Professor of Art, would speak at the March 6, 2012 lunch meeting. His topic is "Seeing the World Through the Lens of a Camera." John plans to share some of his most memorable photos with the group. The May lunch meeting is traditionally reserved for the UD President. We have yet to confirm that May 1, 2012 conforms to the President's calendar.
- Following up on discussions from the February meeting, Committee Members suggested possible presenters for the "My Intellectual Journey" series for the coming year. One possible speaker is Dr. Karl Boer who is willing to come to Newark from Florida (his new residence). Frank said he would pursue this further and report to the Committee.

New Business

- Frank suggested that we add a new section to the website, dedicated to members' professional and scholarly activities. We agreed to ask Whitney to expand the website for this purpose. Frank will explain the new feature to the membership via G-mail and will request members to submit their accomplishments to Helen Morgan for posting.
- Bob Stark announced that UDARF would participate in another bus trip in September to see Shakespeare's "Othello" at the Folger Library/Theatre in Washington, D.C. Bob brought fliers to the meeting which we will distribute at the Courtyard Marriott on April 14 (*My Intellectual Journey* by Professor Fletcher) and at Clayton Hall on May 9 (*University Update* by President Harker). We also agreed to post this event on the UDARF website. It is important that members understand that seating on the bus fills quickly and early reservations are encouraged.
- We scheduled the next Executive Committee Meeting for Tuesday, September 13, 2011, at 2:00 pm in the Courtyard Marriot Executive Board Room.

The meeting adjourned at 3:15 pm.

Respectfully submitted,
Helen Morgan, Secretary