
President Taggart called the meeting to order at 2:00 p.m.

Announcements:
1. President Taggart noted that Lou Mosberg’s Committee on the awarding of our new UDARF Research Grants has made its selections and that the recipients will be announced at the May 5, 2015 UDARF Luncheon.
2. President Taggart announced that the speaker for the May 5 UDARF Luncheon will be Dean Nancy Targett, who was recently named Interim President (effective July 1).  Dean Targett will be discussing “where we’ve been and where we are headed.” She replaces President Patrick Harker, who is unable to attend the luncheon.
3. Our next lecture in UDARF’s My Intellectual Journey Series is Thursday, April 9, 2015 at the Marriott.  Our speaker is Dr. S.B. Woo, Professor Emeritus, Physics and Astronomy, and former Lieutenant Governor of the State of Delaware.
4. Treasurer Swasey announced that the raffle prize for the May 5th Luncheon will be a $25 UD Creamery Certificate that was donated to UDARF by Mark Rieger, Dean of the College of Agriculture and Natural Resources.

Approval of the Minutes for the February 10, 2015 meeting:
The minutes were approved.

Treasurer’s Report:
Treasurer James Swasey reported the following balances UDARF’s three accounts (Main Account, Food Account, and Gift Account):

- **February 2015 UDARF Main Account Beginning Balance** .........................$2,919.60
- **Expenditures:**
  - UDARF February Newsletter: $704.27 ($604.46 Printing; $99.81 Postage)
  - March 3rd Luncheon: $320.64 ($279.75 Audio-Visual; $40.89 reimbursements for raffle gift and raffle tickets)
- **Main Account Ending Balance as of April 1, 2015** ...............................$1,894.70

Overall and Projected Look at Lunch (Revenue) Account for the Fiscal Year to Date (April 1, 2015):
- **Total Revenue (from members’ luncheon payments)** .............................$3,967.00
- **Total and Projected Expenses** ..........................................................$3,960.64
- **Cash Available** .................................................................................$6.36

- **UDARF Gift Account Beginning Balance** .............................................$1,035.45
- **No activity this fiscal year**
Treasurer Swasey noted further:

1. He will meet with Katie Holden, Financial Analyst in Provost’s Office, to walk through the financial statements, since there are categories that are not clear from the budget printouts.
2. We are likely to run a slight deficit after the May Luncheon because of cost increases.

The Board discussed these options: Ask Hullihen Hall for an increase in our budget? Or is this not necessary so long as the deficits are fairly modest ones? As costs continue to rise (food costs may increase, and we are now being billed for an added parking charge by Clayton Hall) do we increase the luncheon cost from its current charge of $17 per head? Or do we switch to a buffet, which is less expensive? The Board agreed that at the end of the May Luncheon, President Taggart would ask the attendees their views on these options.

Old Business:

1. Subcommittee to Generate Ideas for Additional Programming that Might Appeal to Newer Retirees (Messrs. Sharkey and Hirsh)
   Secretary Hirsh reported that he and Past President Sharkey had discussed several ideas. Since Music Performance majors must give recitals as part of their degree requirements, one proposal was to work with the Music Department to put together a short program featuring some of their most talented students. This would give the students an opportunity to perform before an audience before they have their senior recitals. A free concert (perhaps with some wine and cheese afterwards) would probably appeal to members who might not otherwise be involved in UDARF events. Member-at-Large Mike Arenson agreed to discuss this with the Music Department Chair to gauge their interest and to solicit suggestions as to format and location.

   Another subcommittee suggestion was to contact student-run theatre groups on campus to gauge their interest in performing before a group of UDARF members. They might appreciate an opportunity to preview scenes from an upcoming production, especially if it could be done in Bacchus or some other not-too-expensive locale.

New Business:

   President Taggart presented a short list of possible speakers for UDARF’s 2015-16 My Intellectual Journey Series. The list was based on the Committee’s February 2015 discussion. The Executive Committee rank-ordered the list. President Taggart will contact the top choices to see if they would be interested in speaking.

2. Speakers for UDARF’s 2015-16 Luncheons
   President Taggart presented a short list of possible Luncheon speakers, and the Executive Committee members and Dr. Stark discussed some additional names. The Committee rank ordered the list. President Taggart will contact the top choices.

Other Business:

None.

The meeting was adjourned at 3:10 p.m.