University of Delaware Association of Retired Faculty (UDARF)
Executive Committee Meeting Minutes
Tuesday, September 8, 2015
Newark Courtyard Marriott. Lobby Area

Present: Michael Arenson, Louis Hirsh, Stuart Sharkey, James Swasey, Robert Taggart. Excused: Vice President Maxine Colm.

President Taggart called the meeting to order at 2:00 p.m. Since Room 106 was not available for the meeting, the Board met at a table in the Lobby area.

Announcements:
1. Speakers for 2015-16 are set for the Luncheons and for the My Intellectual Journey series. The exception is May, which is still open. Traditionally, that is reserved for the University President. President Taggart will be in contact with Office of the University President to try to book whoever is in office in May 2016 as our speaker.

2. The Board discussed the raffle for next Luncheon, which will be on Wednesday, October 7, 2015. Mike Arenson will see if the Music Department sells gift vouchers that may be used towards the cost of attending performing arts events on campus.

Approval of the Minutes for the April 17, 2015 meeting:
The minutes were approved.

Treasurer's Report:
Treasurer Swasey reported these balances in the three UDARF Accounts:
- UDARF Main Account (as of 8/18/15) ................................................................. $5,782
- UDARF Lunch Revenue Account ...................................................................... $103.19
- UDARF Gift Account ....................................................................................... $1,035.45

He reported that monitoring the UDARF budget is complicated by the fact that there are often significant delays in the posting of charges for our Luncheons and by the fact that monies collected for the Luncheons are deposited into one account but disbursed from another account. He will be seeking clarifications on these matters.

Old Business:
1. Proposal for Music Department students to put together a short program for UDARF members
   All Music Performance majors must give recitals as part of their degree requirements. Member-at-Large Arenson will be contacting Dr. Russell Murray, Chair, Department of Music, to gauge the department’s interest in giving their most talented students an opportunity to perform before an audience of UDARF members, either before or after their recitals. The Board discussed Bayard Sharp Hall as a possible venue, since it is an attractive setting that would also allow members to enjoy light refreshments after the concert.

New Business:
1. New Honorary Member
The Board voted unanimously to invite Susan Brynteson, May Morris Librarian Emerita, to join UDARF as an Honorary member.

2. Luncheon Costs
   Secretary Hirsh reported that it is probable that Clayton Hall will increase our Luncheon charges for 2015-16. Unfortunately, the new rates have not yet been set, and we are awaiting word from Clayton Hall.

3. Change the UDARF Newsletter from Print to a Web Edition Only
   The Board agreed that at the October 7 UDARF Luncheon President Taggart will propose publishing the UDARF Newsletter only as a PDF that is uploaded to the UDARF website. (Members were alerted at last May's Luncheon that this was a possibility.) If approved by the members, the Fall Newsletter will be the last one to be printed and mailed.

   The savings in annual printing and postage costs will amount to several hundreds of dollars. The Board noted that this savings may help cover the additional costs for the Luncheons so as to keep the cost to members at $17.00 per person.

4. UDARF Website Theme
   In order to make the UDARF website friendlier for tablet users, Secretary Hirsh changed the website theme.

5. Staffing the table for the October 7th UDARF Luncheon
   Since Treasurer Swasey is not able to attend the October 7th Luncheon, Member-at-Large Arenson will assist Secretary Hirsh in checking in the attendees and distributing raffle tickets.

Other Business:
None.

The meeting was adjourned at 3:05 p.m.