

University of Delaware Association of Retired Faculty (UDARF)
Executive Committee Meeting Minutes
Tuesday, April 12, 2016
Newark Courtyard Marriott

Present: Michael Arenson, Maxine Colm, Lou Hirsh, Stuart Sharkey, James Swasey, Robert Taggart.
Incoming Board: President elect: Marian Palley, Vice President elect: Ron Martin. Treasurer elect: Jim O'Neill.
Absent: Nick Simon. Dick Sacher

I. Announcements

- A. President Taggart welcomed the members of the newly elected 2016-18 UDARF Executive Committee to this joint meeting of the outgoing and incoming committees.
- B. President Taggart noted that Barbara Gates did an outstanding job as our *My Intellectual Journey* speaker on April 7. Sixty (60) people attended – one of UDARF's largest. The only complaints were that there were no small tables in the room and that since the speaker did not use a microphone, some members had difficulty hearing her. Past President Sharkey noted that he found it helpful to arrive early in order to alert the staff at the Marriott about the need for the small tables and sometimes for additional chairs. Other members suggested that it would be wise to insist that all speakers use a microphone.
- C. President Taggart noted that Chris Lucier, Vice President for Enrollment Management, will speak at our year's final luncheon on May 3. Secretary Hirsh provided some background information on Vice President Lucier.

II. Approval of Minutes for February 11, 2016

- A. Approved.

III. Treasurer's Report

- A. Treasurer Swasey distributed a summary of the balances in UDARF's three accounts.
- B. He reported that UDARF's Main Account (ADMIN 112114) is the account into which the Provost's Office adds new money each fiscal year. That amount (\$5,872) has been constant over many years despite increases in costs. Its balance as of April 4, 2016 is \$3,424.56. Last year it ran a small deficit that was absorbed by the Provost's Office.
- C. The cost of the March 2016 Luncheon (food, room, audiovisual equipment) was \$1,487.24, and we received \$969.00 from the members who attended it. We continue to charge \$17 per person even though conference charges have increased. During 2015-16 we stopped printing and mailing the UDARF Newsletter after the first issue. The savings have helped us keep the Luncheon costs at \$17.00 per person. The incoming Executive Committee will, however, need to revisit the issue of whether UDARF can continue to keep the cost to members at \$17.
- D. Treasurer Swasey noted that the Lunch Account (L3RFAC) is simply a revenue account. The checks for the luncheon are deposited into it, and then the money is transferred to the Main Account. Therefore, its balance is \$0.
- E. No activity in the Gift Account (ADMN 412113), whose balance is \$1,035.45 . President Taggart noted that years ago UDARF members were asked to donate to this account with the idea that it would be used to fund various projects to benefit the University (such as scholarships). The idea was abandoned because many members indicated that they already donate to the University in response to its many other fund-raising appeals.

IV. Old Business

- A. None

V. New Business

A. Results of 2016 Research Fund

1. President Taggart announced that the review committee, chaired by Lou Mosberg, received \$4,600 in requests from 10 people and indicated that he was pleased to see such a great amount of interest. The Fund has an annual budget of \$2,000. All 10 applicants received a stipend in amounts that ranged from \$100 to \$300.
2. Recipients are told to see Dana Perry in Provost's office to receive stipend.
3. Treasurer-Elect Jim O'Neill suggested that an exceptionally interesting project could be the basis for a talk or an extended article in the *Newsletter*.

B. Treasurer Swasey announced that the May luncheon raffle is \$25 in gifts certificates to the UD Creamery generously donated by the UD College of Agriculture and Natural Resources.

C. President Taggart discussed upgrading the luncheon menu for the upcoming May luncheon. The Committee agreed to ask Clayton Hall Catering what might be available if we spent an additional \$2 per head. Secretary Hirsh agreed to follow up with Catering.

D. The Committee discussed dates for UDARF events in 2016-17 as well as possible speakers. President-Elect Palley agreed to contact proposed speakers. Event dates for 2016-17 will be:

UDARF Luncheons:

- Wednesday, October 5, 2015 (the traditional Tuesday date falls on Rosh Hashanah)
- Tuesday, December 13, 2016
- Tuesday, March 7, 2017
- Tuesday, May 2, 2017

My Intellectual Journey Lectures:

- Thursday, November 10, 2016
- Thursday, April 13, 2017

UDARF Executive Committee Meetings:

- Tuesday, September 13, 2016
- Tuesday, November 1, 2016
- Tuesday, January 24, 2017
- Tuesday, April 4, 2017

E. Members noted that, since our normal meeting room was not available, we were meeting at one of the large tables off the lobby in the Marriott. Several felt that this was too noisy and that in the future, if the meeting room is unavailable, the Committee should find a quieter alternative. President Elect Palley said that she would explore this.

F. Questions from new committee. The outgoing Committee answered questions from the incoming Committee concerning contacts, accounting procedures, and budgeting.

VI. Other Business

A. None

The meeting was adjourned at 2:47 p.m.

Lou Hirsh, UDARF Secretary