

**University of Delaware Association of Retired Faculty**

**Executive Committee Meeting Minutes**

**Wednesday, September 17, 2014**

**Courtyard Marriott**

**Present:** Robert Taggart, Maxine Colm, Stuart Sharkey, Nick Simon, James Swasey, Robert Stark (visitor). **Not Present:** Michael Arenson, Louis Hirsh.

**Announcements:** President Robert Taggart called the meeting to order at 2:00 pm and appointed Bob Stark to record minutes in the absence of Louis Hirsh, Secretary. He introduced Nick Simon to the other board members. He reminded the board that the next luncheon speaker will be Willett Kempton of Marine, Earth and Environmental Studies, who will speak on electric vehicles. Associate Provost Matthew Kinservik will be our contact person with the administration, and he will provide a short speech at the October 14 luncheon to describe both the University's Strategic Planning Initiative and the proposed \$2,000 research funds to be available to retired faculty as soon as proper procedures are approved.

**Secretary's Report:** The minutes of the April 8, 2014 were approved as submitted, with the exception of the misspelling of Lou Mosberg's name.

**Treasurer's Report:** Treasurer James Swasey provided a report since the last meeting with current balances (9/3/2014) as follows:

Main Account: \$5,782.00

Luncheon Account: \$23.94

Gift Account: \$1,035.00

There was a budget balance as of 7/10/14 of \$1,448.44 from the 2013-2014 year.

**Old Business:** An inaugural appropriation of \$2,000 to support retired faculty research is to be made available as soon as proper procedures are put into place. The board approved a resolution that President Taggart chair an ad hoc committee to form a plan for distribution of the funds. Maxine Colm suggested that it be brought to the attention of new retirees in future years along with the President's welcome letter in the retirement packet presented to newly retired faculty.

There was discussion of possible contributions UDARF might make this year to University life. The board decided to postpone discussion to the next board meeting when all board members are likely to attend.

**Adjournment:** The meeting was adjourned at 2:48 pm.

Robert Stark, recorder (for Secretary Louis Hirsh)