

University of Delaware Association of Retired Faculty (UDARF)
Executive Committee Meeting Minutes
Tuesday, September 19, 2017
Newark Courtyard Marriott

Present: Ron Martin, Jim O'Neill, Marian Palley, Dick Sacher, Bob Taggart

Absent: None

President Palley brought the meeting to order at 2:00 p.m.

I. Announcements

- President Palley reviewed the dates and confirmed speakers for the upcoming luncheons and Intellectual Journey series. Secretary Sacher has posted the 2017-2018 schedule on the UDARF website.
- Secretary Sacher has obtained a list of recent retirees and added them to the mailing list. President Palley has sent email to the new retirees to welcome them to UDARF.

II. Old Business

- **Treasurer's Report**
 - Treasurer O'Neill reported that the operating fund initial balance is \$5,782. This includes all expenses and luncheon income for the 2017-2018 academic year. The gift account is currently \$1,335.45 and the UDARF Research Grants account for 2017-2018 is \$5,000.

III. New Business

- **Meal expenses increased for 2017-2018**
 - Secretary Sacher noted that the UD Catering Services have increased their meal charges by approximately \$2.50. The Committee voted to absorb part of the increase and add \$1.00 to the individual meal charge, bringing it to \$20.00/meal.
- **UDARF Newsletter**
 - President Palley will be working with John Brennan (OCM) to produce an October edition of the *UDARF Newsletter*.
- **Nominating Committee for 2018**
 - The Committee discussed potential members who might serve on the 2018 Nominating Committee, consisting of President Palley and two additional members. Palley will contact these potential committee members.

IV. Discussion

- **UDARF Research Grant Application Process**
 - The committee discussed the current process and eligibility rules for UDARF Research Grants. After general consideration, the Committee agreed to make the following changes.
 - Maximum award requests were increased from \$500 to \$750, subject to funding availability.
 - UDARF Award Committee members are not eligible themselves for an award.

The meeting was adjourned at 2:30 p.m.

Dick Sacher, UDARF Secretary