

UC Davis Retirees' Association Executive Board Meeting
Thursday, December 12, 2013
1:15 – 2:45 p.m.
Alumni Center, West Conference Room
Meeting Minutes

Present: Maggie Ahern, Sue Barnes, Lucy Day, Micki Eagle Faulkin, Deanna Falge Pritchard, Janet Hamilton, Silvia Hillyer, Ted Hillyer, Lyn Lofland, Yvonne Marsh, Kate Mawdsley, Phyllis McCalla, Diane Mundy, Barbara Nichols, Linda Vieira, Bill Wagman

Unable to Attend: Gloria Alvarado, Louis Campos, Rose Romant, Karen Castelli, Sandra Filby, Bob Halferty, Norma Rice

Introductions and Announcements

The meeting was called to order at 1:15 p.m. by President Phyllis McCalla.

Phyllis gave the Picnic Day Honoree Selection Committee report. Two candidates were nominated this year for the UCDDRA Board. In order to collect additional information about nominated candidates the committee asked candidates to complete a nominee questionnaire.

Nominated candidates were Micki Eagle Faulkin and Ted Hillyer. Both candidates have several years of volunteer service to UC Davis, UCDDRA, and their community. The committee would like to express their personal thanks to both candidates for their volunteer service.

Micki contacted the committee and expressed her gratitude for the nomination and indicated she would like to withdraw her name.

The committee presented Ted Hillyer as the 2014 Picnic Day Honoree.

The committee would like to institute the practice of giving a plaque to the honoree; it would increase the budget by about \$100. Other options were discussed, including a perpetual plaque. Micki moved and Diane seconded that the 2014 Honoree and all past and future Honorees be added to a perpetual plaque each year. The motion passed. It is estimated a large plaque will be about \$350. The committee will look into it.

Approval of Minutes

The minutes of the November 14, 2013 minutes were approved. The motion was made by Deanna Falge Pritchard, and seconded by Janet Hamilton.

Treasurer's Report

Diane Mundy reported a balance of \$21,835.54. Bank of America has been charging service fees, but she was able to recapture them. Membership dues collected amounted to \$1,140. Fall Fest expenses were \$860 for each Association. The CUCRA travel expenses came to \$356.17. She also bought additional stamps for the membership committee to mail 'request to rejoin' letters. Some expenses haven't yet been recorded.

UCDEA Report

Lyn Lofland reported that the UCDEA meeting was held earlier in the day. There is enthusiasm for Robert Rice to be a speaker at one of the talks. They will pursue it but are not sure if it is possible.

The first 9:00 a.m. "Coffee with Campus Leaders" session was successful; campus leaders and administrators seem interested. People are scheduled for the rest of the year. The UCDEA board invites UCDDRA Board to attend the coffee sessions.

The EA website committee is pleased with the direction of the website after an early look at the features. Marjorie is doing most of the work. It might be beneficial for us (RA) if Joanne could give us a preview.

Old Business

Phyllis thanked Janet Hamilton for acting as President in her place while she was gone. She did a great job and it was much appreciated.

Continuing Business

Annual Reports:

Members at Large - Micki Eagle gave an oral report.

Archivist – Bob Halferty was not in attendance.

Newsletter – Kate will have the report before the next meeting. Sue will bring up the Center newsletter subject at the January meeting of the Retiree Center Advisory Committee as it is one of our biggest expenses.

Program Committee – Sandy will be at the January meeting.

UCDRA 25th Anniversary (2014)

Deanna reported that the committee needs to start working on the anniversary celebration. Rosie will be useful with her historical experience. Possible plans include:

- A special luncheon by invitation only;
- Sandy wishes it to be a staff retiree celebration – not a joint celebration;
- Invite the Aggie band;
- Put together a slide show;
- Refreshments.

Two-thirty is the usual time the meeting would start; it is a general business meeting. The President's office probably would not be included as speakers.

Ted commented that he would like the OP speakers not to be cut out yet. He is working with CUCRA on having them either improve or not invite them.

There was a discussion on being separate from the EA. Many felt they should be included. 1:45-2:45 p.m. could be focused on staff only. Emeriti would be there; focus on staff could be a joint celebration. Sue noted that the program committee and the EA board were considering inviting Janet Napolitano if available for the program portion; however it was felt she would be more likely to come if emeriti were included. The invitation part would need to get underway soon. A budget also needs to be done.

Planning Thoughts from June 2013 Minutes (continued)

Phyllis will contact Rose Romant regarding Public Relations.

The Website Update was presented at the EA meeting. Phyllis will talk with John Vohs about having Joanne do a slide presentation of their website update.

New Business

University Retirement Community (URC) Sponsorship

Covell Gardens can no longer do catering for UCD. Sue approached URC, and they are interested. They are in the process of pursuing getting the license through UC, and may cater the new retirees reception in the spring. They also indicated that they could pay the \$500 registration fee. They are going to renew the sponsorship for the calendar, and are looking for other ways to collaborate with us. They have offered to come for a Brainfood talk on long term care issues, as they are a licensed health care facility.

The Retiree Center hosted the second annual Northern California Retiree Organization Consortium (Nor-Cal ROCs) Meeting, which was a success. It included many different universities, including UC Berkeley, UC Santa Cruz, Sonoma State, Sacramento State, San Jose State, Santa Clara, UOP, Cosumnes River Community College, and Solano Community College. Sue will send the meeting minutes for the board's reference.

A third meeting is being planned as the group indicated enthusiasm for making it a continuing event. It is an opportunity for retiree representatives to address and discuss problems, and a pipeline to administration. There is an enthusiasm for continuing the meetings, as there are always new ideas coming out.

Working Agenda

Non-Profit Organization

Janet Hamilton reported on the status of the non-profit organization efforts. She felt it was a lot more effort than what we would gain from it. The ongoing fiduciary responsibility is the main problem. We could still do fundraising by establishing an account through the University (University Relations), but we wouldn't have a liquor license.

We still need to talk about what fundraising we want to do.

Janet made a motion to discontinue discussion at the current time of the non-profit status and for further discussion on fundraising activity and the purpose of it. There was not a second.

After discussion, there was a re-phrase of the motion into 2 motions.

The first motion was to discontinue discussion of the non-profit status at this time. It was seconded by Lucy, and passed.

The second motion, made by Janet, was for further discussion of the purpose and methods on fundraising. It was seconded by Ted and also passed.

Loop Technology

Sue discussed the apps on iphones and ipads. They are individually initiated and not high-end technology. They also don't filter out outside noise.

Janet asked if we want to make the loop technology a priority. Should we have a panel to look into it?

Student special services is interested, however Sue has not had a chance to look into it. Deanna felt the new art museum would be a good place to start and have the technology built into it. We should be advocates for it.

Bill Wagman volunteered to talk to some campus people.

Also, for our information, Sue mentioned that Freeborn Hall is scheduled to close summer 2014 due to seismic problems. Campus is exploring options for retrofitting the space and/or replacing it with a new building. No decision has yet been made.

Consent Agenda – Committee Reports

Phyllis noted our Facebook page needs to be updated. The President's message states we should use Facebook. How can we get photos onto Facebook – we probably need some help.

Membership – Yvonne reported that membership has increased since June from 812 to 934. All but 47 annual memberships have renewed, and she will send a reminder to those who have not. Life memberships increased from 481 to 518.

Update – The Scholarship Committee - Maggie shared the Staff Assembly Scholarship committee has made some minor changes. They will be discussed at a later date.

The meeting was adjourned at 2:45 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Linda Vieira
Secretary