

Houston Baptist University
Retirees' Association
October 18th, 2013

The October 2013 luncheon meeting was held in Dillon II, Hinton Building. It was called to order by Chair Mary Ellen Spore. Barbara Owens led us in a word of prayer, followed by a lovely luncheon. The Chair thanked Candace Desrosiers for all her great planning. Mary Ellen Spore introduced Mrs. Megan Mueller, Director of Academic Success Center who reported on the progress of the Center. Mrs. Mueller thanked the Retiree's Association for their generous gift to the Academic Success Center and reported that 319 students had applied to be tutors and that there were 35-36 current tutors. The monies that were donated will be used to train new tutors for certification and aid in helping students outside the classroom.

Following the luncheon, Ruth Ann Williamson introduced Dr. John Mark Reynolds, HBU Provost and thanked him for his support of this association. The topic for Dr. Reynolds' presentation was "The God of Hope."

Old Business:

The Chair reported that due to the sizeable cash reserve built up by the Association, the Administrative Board has decided to use part of this reserve (\$2,000) to fund a project that will benefit the students of the University. The Chair reported that the decision was made at the Board Meeting in August to support the Academic Success Center for this school year. Mrs. Mueller, director, will report in April on the impact that the donation has had during the year.

New Business:

A committee chaired by Ruth Ann Williamson was charged to find a replacement for the Member-at-Large position. A letter from Jennie Hedger was read telling the Board of her move out of the city. The committee contacted Dr. Jon Suter to fill the position and he accepted. A motion was made by Ed Best to accept Dr. Suter as new Member-at-Large. The motion was seconded by Dr. Harold Raley and the motion passed. The Retirees have the opportunity to attend the first Homecoming football game. A form was sent in the invitation to this meeting to fill out and give to Candace Desrosiers with payment. This will be a great opportunity to see a game and also to see friends and fellow associates. A survey of continuing the book club was distributed to the members. Please fill out and offer ideas to help improve attendance at our book club. The survey may be turned in at the end of the meeting.

Officer Reports:

Assistant Chair, Ruth Ann Williamson, reported on the plans for this year's programs. Dr. John Yarrington and the "Kings Men" will perform at the February Meeting and Bill Balleza, Channel 2 News Anchor, will speak at the Spring program.

Secretary, Becky Greer, had the minutes distributed and Don Looser made the motion to accept the minutes as read Dr. Daton Dodson seconded. The motion was approved.

Treasurer, Ken Rogers, reported that there was \$1,330.00 in the University account and \$6,586.85 in our Retirees' Account but stated that the \$2,000.00 for the donation to the Academic Success Center will be taken out. Mr. Rogers thanked Loree Watson and her team for all the help in gathering the information for this report. Mr. Richard Parker made the motion to approve the donation to the Academic Success Center and was seconded by Mr. Ed Best.

Historian, Ed Best, had nothing to report.

Hospitality Officer, Ann Owen, was not in attendance. Mary Ellen Spore read an appreciation letter from Maydene Wells for maintaining contact with her.

Membership Officer, Shari Wescott, reported that the new directory was available at the meeting. Please pick up a copy and sign the sheet provided.

Member-at-large, Jennie Hedger, was not in attendance but Mrs. Spore reported that the book club meeting for our retirees will be Thursday, November 21st, at 11:30 am. In the Parlor of the Lake House. The book selection for the next meeting is "Paris", a novel by Edward Rutherford. You can bring your lunch. Please come if you can to any of the meetings.

Announcements

Please pick up a directory if you have not already received one. Thanks to Shari for all the work. All of this year's meetings will be lunchtime events as a result of the survey that was conducted by the Board. Dues for this year are due and may be paid today if you have not done so. Candace announced that the Houston Symphony will perform on campus January 18th at 7:30pm. Please RSVP at HBU.edu or call Candace Desrosiers.

Don't forget the book club. Thank you again for your attendance.

The meeting was adjourned.

Respectfully submitted by Becky Greer