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Houston Baptist University Retirees' Association

April 10, 2015 Luncheon Meeting Minutes

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The meeting was called to order at 11:30 a.m. by chair Ruth Ann Williamson. She welcomed everyone and introduced guests and new members. Don Looser gave the invocation.

After lunch as the "A Word from our Sponsors" part of the program, Amy Youngblood and Christa Hall from the Alumni Association reported on the many ways the alumni can be involved in encouraging HBU students, such as attending sporting events to having students participate in the Career and Shadowing Program. There are presently 18,330 alums in the Alumni Association. A twenty member Board has provided leadership for many new programs and provides 15 scholarships of \$1,000 each for deserving students. Both Amy and Christa asked that the Retirees' Association participate in many of the school's events to so that both alumni and students can strengthen relationships.

Don Byrnes then introduced the keynote speaker, Dr. Robert Linder, who described life from the orchestra pit. His antidotes were very entertaining and informative.

Old Business:

The Chair thanked the members for reserving their meals and paying dues on the HBU website.

New Business:

Directories are available on the piano at the door. Please take one for your information. The Chair thanked Shari Wescott for her attention to detail and also for the art work. There are 75 members to date. Ruth Ann read the purpose and history of the organization. The three purposes of the organization are to provide opportunities for the retirees to maintain relationships with one another, identify the needs of the organization and provide services, and provide appropriate social events, thereby encouraging and facilitating the development of friendships. Many of the members from the beginning of the Association are still members and several were in attendance at today's meeting.

Officer Reports:

Assistant Chair Don Byrnes will develop programs for the 2015-16 luncheons.

Secretary Linda Brupbacher was not in attendance. The Chair presented the minutes from the February 13, 2015 luncheon meeting which were approved as printed. Becky Greer graciously agreed to write the minutes for today's meeting. Ruth Ann recognized her for accepting this responsibility.

Treasurer Daton Dodson reported that there is \$200 in the University account and \$5,272.67 in our Retirees' account.

Membership Officer Shari Wescott reported that the membership had grown to 75 and asked everyone to look through the directory and report any corrections or changes.

Hospitality Officer Ann Owen was not in attendance so the Chair read a note from Don Byrnes, thanking the Association for their thoughtfulness and gift of a plant.

Member-at-large Jon Suter asked the chair to announce the next Book Club meeting on Thursday, May 7th from 11:30 until 1:00 in the parlor at Hodo Residence College to discuss All the Light You Cannot See by Anthony Doerr.

Member-at-Large Harold Raley did not have a report.

University Liaison Loree Watson did not have a report.

University Liaison Candace Desrosiers thanked the retirees for reserving their meals online and had a computer presentation outlining how to go about registering online.

Announcements:

The Chair invited the members to attend the Book Club. She announced the next Board Meeting on June 9th and the End of the Year Celebration on April 24th.

Adjournment:

Chair, Ruth Ann Williamson, read an Irish blessing to encourage the members, and the meeting was adjourned.

Respectfully submitted by Becky Greer for Linda Brupbacher, Secretary