

Minutes, ARF Executive Board 19 October 2016

Board Members Present: Alyce Akers, Daniel Blake, Margaret Holzer, Ron McIntyre, Patrick Nicholson, Nancy Owens, Karen Robinette, Elizabeth Schneider, Diane Schwartz, Barbara Swerkes, Cindy Ventuleth

Guests: William Harrison and Paul Wilson

Monthly Business

1. **Call to order and adoption of agenda:** Ron McIntyre
President Ron McIntyre called the meeting to order at 11:10 a.m. in the Orange Grove Bistro, CSUN. **MSP** to adopt the agenda as distributed.
2. **Approval of minutes:** Margaret Holzer
MSP to approve the September 14, 2016 Board Meeting minutes as distributed.
3. **President's Announcements:** Ron McIntyre
 - a. Ron announced the passing of Al Baca's wife.
 - b. Karen Robinette will serve out the first year of Dorena Knepper's term as Member-at-Large. The second year of this Board position will be filled at the annual election held in June 2017.
 - c. Tom Piernick, a recently retired CSUN administrator/director in Student Affairs, has received Board approval for ARF membership.
4. **Board Members' Announcements**
There were no announcements from the Board Members.

Reports

1. **Treasurer:** Dan Blake
Dan reviewed the account balances and cash flow for the period September 14 through October 19, 2016. The current account balances (checking, savings, CD) total is \$116,472.08. **MSP** to receive the report.
2. **Program Committee:** Alyce Akers
The TGTHAO Banquet: The committee plans to present both the menu and the proposed entertainment at the November Board meeting.
3. **Membership Committee:** Diane Schwartz
Diane reported that currently we have 232 members. These are mostly renewals of current members. She shared a list of the non-renewing members and asked Board members to contact those whom we know. Contact information for individuals who join ARF after the Directory is published in November could be included in the Newsletter.
4. **Newsletter Editor:** Ron McIntyre for Ann Perkins
The deadline for the next issue was last Sunday but Ann still is saving space for a short report of the membership meeting this afternoon. She requested this be sent to her via email.
5. **Historian:** Cindy Ventuleth
Cindy reported that our retiring historian, Chris Smith, has had a bad fall.

6. **Webmaster:** Ron McIntyre for Max Lupul
Ron announced that Max Lupul has resigned as Webmaster for health reasons. Max suggested that Gene Turner might be willing to replace him. The Board accepted Max's resignation with regret and acknowledged that, while someone will become new Webmaster, no one could ever really *replace* Max... Webmaster, Treasurer, Membership Chair, Directory publisher, photographer, shopper for the picnic, informal historian...and that's only what your current secretary knows...
7. **Faculty Senate Representative:** Barbara Swerkes
Barbara distributed her report for the September 22, 2016 CSUN Faculty Senate Meeting. Of interest was the budget shortfall with respect to covering faculty salary increases and the graduation initiative. Barbara will be unable to attend the next Faculty Senate Meeting on October 20, 2016. Diane Schwartz will go in her place.
8. **Ad hoc Committee on ARF Officers' Terms of Office:** Patrick Nicholson
Patrick reported that the committee (Patrick Nicholson, chair, Bob Kiddoo and Diane Schwartz) is planning to meet via a conference call soon.

Old Business:

1. **Proposed Distinguished Speakers Series:** William Harrison and Paul Wilson
Dr. Wilson explained that the hope is to establish a distinguished speaker series, with 2-3 speakers annually who would address topics for the "betterment of the world." He discussed expenses involved as well as sources of support and funding. Dan Blake suggested that they start with just one speaker per year and concentrate on making it a significant event on campus. Patrick Nicholson recommended that they investigate using the Plaza del Sol: The size of the venue is adjustable and the staff is excellent. Everyone conceded that parking is difficult for off-campus attendees.

When Paul requested the Board's help in making contacts with individuals who might help with the development and support of the series, Ron suggested that Paul write a short piece for the Newsletter to inform and recruit interested ARF members.

New Business:

1. **Access to Newsletter:** Diane Schwartz
After a short discussion about continuing to restrict access to the Newsletter on the website it was **MSP:** that the Newsletter will not be password protected on the ARF website.
2. **New Webmaster:** Ron McIntyre
Based on Max Lupul's recommendation, the Board authorized Ron to ask Gene Turner if he would take on the responsibilities of Webmaster. (Note added 10/25/2016: Gene Turner has agreed to serve out Max's term as ARF Webmaster.)

Adjournment:

MSP that the meeting be adjourned. (12:25 p.m.)

Next Board meeting: November 9, 2016 – Orange Grove Bistro

Respectfully submitted,
Margaret Holzer, Secretary