University of Delaware Association of Retired Faculty (UDARF)
Executive Committee Meeting Minutes
Tuesday, Feb 18, 2020  2:00 pm
Courtyard by Marriott - Newark

Present: John Brook, Janet Johnson, Dick Sacher, Fred Schueler
Absent: Marian Palley

I. Announcements
   ● Intellectual Journey speakers for 2020-2021: Ralph Begleiter (Nov 9-13 or 16-20, 2020) and Ellen Pifer (Mar 2021)
   ● Confirmation of Dr. Assanis’ attendance at April 28, 2020 luncheon
   ● Addition of new members, retired since 9/1/2019:
     ○ Fred Adams, Stephen Barr, Andrea Barrier, John Bernstein, Karen Brinker, Michael Cotsell, Diane Ferry, Sandra Fields, KC Grier, Alan Hamant, Ajay Manrai, John McDonald, Harvey Price, Monika Shafi, George Watson

II. Old Business
   ● The previous (Nov 19, 2019) meeting’s minutes were approved unanimously.
   ● Budget summary. Treasurer Brook reported the following:
     ○ All funds from luncheon attendees have been collected and deposited with the Provost’s Office.
     ○ October luncheon expenses of $1,418.04 were offset by $943.00 in attendees’ checks. December luncheon expenses of $1,821.76 were offset by $1,173.00 in attendees’ checks. The November Intellectual Journey event expenses of $528.19 and the luncheons’ deficits were debited from UDARF’s general account, leaving a balance of $2,175.01. This account balance is generally reset to $5,000.00 each September.
     ○ Alcohol expenses ($174.00) from the Intellectual Journey event were debited from the UDARF secondary (gift) account, leaving a balance of $610.45.

III. New Business
   ● Unanimous approval of Katherine Kerrane’s request for honorary membership status. (Motion: Brook. Seconded by Sacher.)
   ● UDARF Research Grant Funding 2020-2021 process. Vice President Johnson noted that she has received several applications already and will be asking two UDARF members to serve on the selection committee shortly.
   ● 2020 Nominating Committee slate of executive committee officers, selected by President Schueler, are Lou Hirsh (chair), Leslie Goldstein, Bob Taggart
The Nominating Committee’s proposed slate: Bill Saylor (VP), Dave Ermann (Treasurer), and Carolyn Manning (Secretary) with Janet Johnson advancing to President and Fred Schueler to Past-President positions.

- The slate has agreed to serve if elected. The slate will be announced at the March luncheon with nominations from the floor and voting at that time.

- Proposed change of venue/menu for Fall 2020. Secretary Sacher reported that Clayton Hall Conference Services announced an increase of about 30% in food prices, making them too expensive for future luncheons. He presented three alternate venues (STAR Campus - Audion, Perkins Center - Ewing Room, Courtyard Marriott) and an analysis of menu, room rental and parking charges. His recommendation of the Audion was accepted unanimously. Sacher will work with Alexis Milam to find open dates for the fall 2020 and spring 2021 luncheons. The incoming Executive Board secretary will work with Laura Brooks, UD Catering Director, to select meal choices.

IV. Discussion

- Future funding of wine consumed at *Intellectual Journey* events. The Provost Office currently charges alcohol expenses to UDARF’s dwindling gift account. Several ideas to cover future costs were advanced, including fundraising among the membership, 50/50 raffle, cash bar to complement non-alcoholic drinks. Further discussion at a future meeting is needed. No changes will occur for spring, 2020.