

**Minutes, ARF Executive Board
11 November 2014**

Approved: 14 January 2015

Board Members Present: Alyce Akers, Daniel Blake, Bonita Campbell, Margaret Holzer, Joyce Linden, Heidemarie Lundblad, Max Lupul, Ron McIntyre, Patrick Nicholson, Phyllis Russell, Diane Schwartz

Monthly Business

1. **Call to order and adoption of agenda:** Alyce Akers
Vice President Alyce Akers called the meeting to order at 11:05 a.m. in the Orange Grove Bistro (University Club) CSUN. **MSP** to approve the agenda, as presented.
2. **Approval of minutes:** Margaret Holzer
The minutes were presented. **MSP** to approve the minutes.
3. **Treasurer's Report:** Heidemarie Lundblad
Heidemarie reviewed the financial report that she had sent via email. She will renew the CD that is maturing. The total of ARF assets is \$107,618 as of November 12, 2014. **MSP** to accept the treasurer's report.
4. **Vice President's Announcements:** Alyce Akers
Alyce reminded the Board that there would be no meeting in December. She also distributed the report that Nancy Owens has sent of her time at the CSU-ERFA meeting.
5. **Board Members' Announcements**
Joyce Linden announced that Jane Prather, our speaker for today's meeting, would be unable to join us for lunch.

Ron McIntyre reported that Fall 2014 enrollment at CSUN was the highest ever (40 thousand) and the highest in the CSU. There are serious discussions about management of enrollment and new targets for graduation rates.

Reports of Standing Committees

1. **Program Committee:** Joyce Linden.
 - *2015-16 Program.* Joyce asked the Board for suggestions for speakers and program themes. Current plans include:
 - February 2016:** Claire White, studies on brain and religion
 - March 2016:** Botanic Gardens, Brenda Kanno
 - Field Trip:** Norton Simon Museum, tour (regular tours begin at 1 pm @ \$9/person; private tours @ \$250 for groups of 1-25 and \$450 for groups of 26-50) If we depart from CSUN at 10:30 a.m., we could have lunch in Pasadena around 11:30 a.m. and go to the museum after that.
 - Other possible speaker:** Jackie Lacey who studies the effects of incarceration on mental health.

- *Spring 2015 Picnic and Annual Meeting.* ARF has been given permission to use Juan Oliva's home for the picnic again this year.
 - *January 2015 Thank Heaven the Holidays Are Over Banquet:* The Banquet will be on January 17th and the committee is currently negotiating for a singer. She has asked \$500 for herself and \$250 each for her two accompanists, a pianist and a percussionist. On Joyce's request: **MSP** that we approve the plan for banquet entertainment: a vocalist and two accompanists and that we approve a total of \$600 to cover all three musicians.
2. **Membership Committee:** Ron McIntyre
- *Membership:* Ron reported that as of today, we have 257 confirmed members. He distributed a list of the current members and a second list with names of those who were active last year but have not renewed their memberships this year. Board members were asked to contact those whom they know to encourage their renewal. Ron noted that the ERFA list of new retirees (our main source of potential new members) is incomplete and he is seeking ways to solve this problem.
3. **Newsletter:**
- Ann Perkins has alerted Board members and other contributors that the deadline for the January Newsletter is December 15. Ron suggested having a "Did You Know?" box in the Newsletter to pass along interesting information such as: emeritus faculty may purchase 2 tickets for VPAC performances at regular reduced faculty rates, or: enrollment this semester at CSUN is 40,000, an all-time high, or: emeritus faculty qualify for free membership at the fitness center.
4. **Historian:**
- There was no report.

Old Business

1. **Hansen ARF/College of Education Scholarship Committee.** Joyce Linden
The committee received 80 applications and has until December 8th to make their final decisions. The committee has discussed criteria for evaluating the application. Of special concern have been the weighting of the applicants' GPAs and the fact that undergraduate and graduate applicants will have completed different numbers of academic units.
2. **Revised ARF brochure and ARF Directory:** Ron McIntyre
Ron reported on the problems he has encountered in formatting the new brochure and suggestions were made about possible free software programs that are available. Joyce suggested that a graphic arts student might be found to undertake the brochure as a project. Ron also announced that the new directory would be printed and sent out in December.

New Business

Use of VPAC Grand Hall by Students: Max Lupul reported that the recent student presentation of Carmen was excellent and deserved a larger audience. He recommended that we publicly support student performances such as this especially

since there is a requirement for an audience of 600, minimum in order to use the Grand Hall.

NeedleARFs Silent Auction: The NeedleARFs are putting finishing touches on items that they have made for the silent auction at the January banquet. They are contacting other members of ARF for contributions of additional handmade items to include in the auction.

Adjournment: MSP that the meeting be adjourned. (12:16 p.m.)

Respectfully submitted,
Margaret Holzer, Secretary

Next Board meeting: January 14, 2015, @ Orange Bistro/University Club