Minutes for Executive Meeting
10:00 AM – 11:50 AM
Majors
February 11, 2014

Attendees:
Connie Alleikan
Bob Anthony
Carol Bibly
Jens Nielsen
Ken Piwowar
Ann Sullivan
Bob Witherspoon

Old Business:

1. Ann requested that we put on the agenda her concern about expenditures and a possible dues increase.

   **Action:** We discussed our expenses and membership dues coming in. With regional and state meetings and newsletters we are spending close to a 1,000 per year. We are not taking in that much from memberships. Luncheons are typically a break even for us. We reviewed what other Colleges are doing and our budget is about in the middle. The group has decided that we will once again attempt to get people to go to email, but…. The final conclusion is to wait one more year and see what plays out.

   **Open:**

NEW BUSINESS:

1. **Newsletter:**
   A. Please get your information forwarded to Bob Anthony no later than March 9, 2014.
   B. Announcement for the luncheon should be in the newsletter and also sent out early as the date is just too close to count on the newsletter.
   C. Any changes or recommendations for the newsletter.

   **Action:**
   - Ken will write information on changing to Medicare when you are 65.
   - Ann will write information on our financial condition.
   - Mailing will go out on March 24, 2014.
   - Carol will write information on the luncheon, legal fund and also election of new officers.
   - We will also have a separate mailing and email for the luncheon, legal fund letter and officers. (Carol is currently working on this)

2. **Spring luncheon- Pescatore Palace.**
   A. April 15, 2014 11:30 AM
   B. Jens will update us on this and make sure all is well.
C. We want to make sure that we are in one smaller room in the back and not by the buffet area.
D. Tables of eight instead of long tables.
E. Need to determine the cost of the luncheon: Do we hold at 12.50 go to 13.00???? No matter what we do we will be subsidizing this event by about 2.00 per person.
   Action:
   Ann checked what we paid last fall and with a few extra individuals, service fees-tax and tip, it worked out to be $15 per person. (Thank you, Ann)
   Jens will be checking on everything to be sure we are set for April 15-he stated the last time he spoke with the restaurant all was in place.
   The committee agreed to stay with $12.50 per person.

3. Speaker ideas for the April 15 Luncheon:
A. De spoke with Linda Brookhart and Linda emailed me and stated she may be available to be our speaker on April 15 and would discuss the Medicare Advantage Program; the pension as it stands and also the legal actions currently taking place.
B. Connie suggested something light and fun from what we have been through the last several months. Music group; tales of Triton Past;
C. Another possibility would be to ask SURS to come and talk about the pension as it goes into law and the Medicare advantage program.
D. Eleonore Weber on Health Insurance in regards to Medicare Advantage; where she feels it may be going in the future; choices; changes from one Medicare Advantage program to another; things to watch for in your current program.....
E. Others
   Action:
   Linda Brookhart and Eleonore Weber will be guests and answer questions.
   The committee decided not to have an official speaker, but have an open discussion on the new pension law, health insurance and also the legal action being taken by SUAA.
   Election of officers will also take place during this meeting.

A. Six Renewals in December; 8 renewals in January/2 new members
B. One Drop –Barry Gowin; January John Cadero (Jens did you send out letter to Barry?
   Maybe when on campus touch base with John)
C. Total membership 168. This is up from the by about 10 -12 from the last time I looked.
D. I believe we gained about six or seven new members.
   Action: None

5. Spring regional meeting:
A. There was supposed to be a regional meeting developed by our region, however we have been informed that SUAA will organize and develop the regional meetings.
B. The date has not been established as of yet.
   Action:
   Carol suggested that we attempt to hold this meeting at Triton College. We thought this was a wonderful idea and I believe Carol was going to check with Patti to see about this and then Bob W would send the information on to Linda Brookhart.
6. President of SUAA, Boonie Henry, resigned last month effective immediately. Bruce Appleby will assume the role of President.
   Action: None

7. SUAA state meeting:
   A. The state meeting will take place on June 17 – 18, 2014 in Springfield.
   B. It is imperative that two members from our executive committee attend this meeting as there will be constitutional changes that will be discussed and voted on.
   C. Also new SUAA officers will be voted on - please plan accordingly.
   D. As voting is the second day it may require an overnight stay.
      Action: We do need to send two representatives down state for this meeting. It will most likely require an overnight stay.

8. Legal fund
   A. Where do we go from here? Do we send out a separate letter reinforcing the need to contribute? Do we contribute something from the chapter? Not sure I feel comfortable asking people to contribute a certain percentage (1%) to the legal fund.
   B. I asked Connie to write a letter, and she did, as I was not sure about our response to this as I thought it was more political. I have read more and it is not political thus it will not come under the heading of SUAAAction.
      Action: Carol is writing the letter and we will be sending it out.

9. Contributions from January 1 to December 31 from our chapter:
   A. Forty-six members contributed $1,945.00
   B. One non-member contributed $100.00
      Action: None

10. Election of officers:
    A. Connie and Carol have been accomplishing this task.
    B. Update of where we are.
    C. What else needs to be accomplished?
    D. Will the election take place during the spring meeting?
       Action: Carol and Connie have developed a slate of officers and this will be put on our website, mailed out early and also placed in the newsletter.
       The election will take place at our spring luncheon on April 15, 2014.

11. Fall meeting on campus? Tentative dates
    October 7
    October 14 - seems classes are close on this day lately. Need to see if calendar is set for 2015? If not forget this date.
    October 21.
    Action: The committee decided that October 21, 2014 would be the date for our fall luncheon. Carol has contacted Mary Jean and it is all arranged with a cost of $12.00 per person.

12. Next executive meeting with new officers: May 13, 2014 at 10 AM at Majors?
13. **Additional items for discussion:**

**Action:**
Connie recommended that if we ask our members to support the legal fund not to ask them to support or help SUAAction. (All agreed)
Bob W recommended if we are asked that we donate as a chapter $1.00 per member as we did once before.

The meeting was adjourned at 11:50 AM