

**The Association of the University of Akron Retirees (AUAR)
Executive Board Meeting, April 25, 2012
Alumni Conference Room, Stitzlein Center**

1. The meeting was called to order by President Bob Gandee. Others present were Hank Nettling, Loren Hoch, Velma Pomrenke, Bob Blankenship, Mike and Linda Sugarman, Carl Lieberman, Frank Thomas, Bill Beyer, Neal Raber, Barbara Banks, Pam Rupert, Ed Lasher, Tom Vukovich and Hans Zbinden. Absent with notice were Marilyn Carrell and Diane Vukovich. The minutes of the March 22, 2012 meeting were approved as written.
2. **Treasurer** Bob Blankenship reported an available balance of \$6,576.98 as of March 31, 2012. This compares with a balance of \$6,691.66 on March 31, 2011. It was moved to accept the report, subject to audit. See attached financial summary.
3. **Committee Reports.**
 - A. **Programs.** On the subject of where we will hold our monthly luncheons next season, beginning September 2012, Tom Vukovich spoke with the manager of University Food Services, Mr. Mohammad Goldan and with Mary Nice of University Catering. The result of these discussions is that AUAR will continue using Martin University Center, cost of luncheons will be \$10, the suggested selection of menus is satisfactory and all parties are satisfied. The speaker series will open next September with the presentation by Martha and Mel Vye. Preparations are under way for our Lobster and Suds party on May 18 at Zwislser Hall.
 - B. **Membership.** No report.
 - C. **Political Action / Affiliates.** Hank Nettling distributed the April STRS Board News. This 4 page report describes the plan to strengthen the financial condition of the Pension Fund, the Pension Design and the Contribution Changes.
 - D. **Benefits.** No report.
 - E. **Faculty Senate.** No report.
 - F. **University and Community Service.** Bill Beyer called attention to 2 shows coming to our area.
 - 1) at E. J. Thomas Hall, June 12 and 13: Blue Man Group.
 - 2) at the Civic Theater, May 7: Cats.Bill reported that Mary Schadle, Co-ordinator of University Scholarship Programs, will have a list of possible candidates for our AUAR Scholarship by the week of May 7.
 - G. **Newsletter.** Pam Rupert indicated that she welcomes general reports as well as obituary notices which pertain to University faculty and staff. Target publication date of the next **AUAR NEWSLETTER** is August 1.
4. **Unfinished Business.**
 - A. Bob Gandee distributed a summary of the April 19 planning meeting for the October 24 Successful Aging Symposium.

B. Frank Thomas reported on the newly developing Website pages which will be the face of AUAR on the Web.

Ed Lasher, as chair of the nominating committee, identified our current Board members who are willing to continue in their present offices.

5. New Business.

Bylaws update. An AUAR Board committee, consisting of Carl Lieberman, Linda Sugarman and Tom Vukovich, was asked to update our AUAR Constitution by omitting reference to the Well-Being Committee. This updated Constitution was distributed to the Board members.

In other concerns, discussion from the floor provided many names as speaker suggestions for our luncheon programs for the coming year.

Adjournment was at 11:15 a.m.

Hans Zbinden, recording secretary.

Next Executive Board Meeting is Thursday, May 24, 2012

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