

IUPUI Senior Academy Board Meeting

October 9, 2008, 10:00 A.M.

Glendale Library Auditorium

Board Member s Present

Theodore Cutshall, Noel Duerden, , Mark Grove, Mary Grove, Joseph Hingtgen, Giles Hoyt, Carlyn Johnson, Golam Mannan, Shirley Newhouse, Leon Rand, William Voos, Harriet Wilkins.

Board Members Absent

Margaret Applegate, Richard Patterson, Sheldon Siegel.

Call to Order

President William Voos called the meeting to order at 10:10 A.M.

Approval of Minutes

The minutes of the September 11, 2008 meeting were approved.

President's Report

Bill Voos thanked Carlyn Johnson for accepting membership on the board and chairmanship of the Program Committee, replacing Jim East. Bill commented that there was disappointing attendance at September's excellent program on long-term care by Robyn Grant and said he hoped to get the word out better. The next speaker on October 15, 2008, is Dr. Ted Grayson, a retired surgeon who will speak on Genetic Engineering: Tools, Products, Controversies. Bill said that he had invited members of Elder-Friendly Communities to attend.

Bill announced that as of October 3, the Senior Academy members had pledged \$14,345 to United Way; the SA goal is \$15,000. Also, as memorial gifts in honor of Jim East, members had donated to scholarship funds for the School of Liberal Arts, Senior Academy, and Boys and Girls Clubs of Indianapolis.

Bill suggested that there should be a protocol for SA response at the deaths of SA members, especially those who have been very active in the organization. Bill Voos asked Mark Grove to draft a protocol.

Bill reminded the board of a planned reception for the Art and Patricia Mirsky, which is being planned in conjunction with the IUPUI Foundation. He said he hoped that the Social Committee would prepare the program.

Treasurer's Report

Treasurer Shirley Newhouse presented the treasurer's report. She noted that the Mirskys had made a contribution of \$50,000 for scholarships, which substantially raised SA scholarship funds for Academic, IPS Students, and Returning Students. Shirley mentioned that SA funds had been affected by the economic downturn and had lost some market value in the past months. The funds are managed by the Foundation.

Membership Committee

Harriet Wilkins, chair, announced that there are 298 SA members, of which 134 are lifetime and free (first-year) memberships.

Program Committee

Carlyn Johnson suggested that we have a serious discussion about program attendance. The board discussed the programs that had been very popular in order to identify issues of greatest appeal. Hot topics in the past included Mormonism, Hearing Problems and Hearing Aids, Part D of Medicare and Supplemental Insurance. Carlyn asked the board to discuss the potential appeal of programs on the economy by Morton Marcus, memory loss and Alzheimer's, generational differences in the workforce, and Pitcairn Island. Promotion of future programs should go to Communications Chair Walt Linne, rather than Dottie Swinney.

Social Committee

Mary Grove reported that the following events are planned:

October 22, 2008 10:30 AM--Day Trip to the [T.C. Steele Home and Historic Site](#) in Nashville, Indiana.

November 12, 2008 10:00 AM --Tour of "[Court Art of China-Ming Dynasty](#)" at the Indianapolis Museum of Art.

December 10, 2008 5:00 PM--Holiday Dinner at Hollyhock Hill.

Date and Time TBA--IUPUI Basketball Game in February or March, 2009.

April 17, 2009 10:00 AM--Spring Wild Flower Video and Guided Walk in Holiday Park and Lunch at MCL Cafeteria.

New Business

Giles Hoyt has talked with Jim Brown, Executive Associate Dean of Journalism, who said that his students were interested in doing a story about the Last Lecture. An earlier SA committee had reached agreement with Dean of Faculties Uday Sukhatme to schedule the Last Lecture back-to-back with the Honors Convocation. It was agreed that a Last Lecture in 2009 is impractical. Golam Mannan offered to chair a committee to discuss Last Lecture 2010 plans. Harriet Wilkins, Joe Hingtgen, and Mark Grove will serve as members.

Adjournment

Joe Hingtgen moved and Mary Grove seconded a motion to adjourn at 11:30 AM.

Respectfully submitted by
Mary Grove, Secretary

Next Board Meeting: November 13, 2008. 10:00 AM, Glendale Library

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