Senior Academy Board Meeting Thursday, June 11, 2009

Board members present

Marge Applegate, Ted Cutshall, Mark Grove, Mary Grove, Joe Hingtgen, Giles Hoyt, Carlyn Johnson, Golam Mannan, Shirley Newhouse, Richard Patterson, Leon Rand, Sheldon Siegel, William Voos, Harriet Wilkins

Member absent

Noel Duerden

Committee chairs present

Jean Gnat (Social)

Call to order

President Bill Voos called the meeting to order at 10:09 A.M.

Approval of minutes

The minutes of the May 14 meeting were approved.

President's remarks

President Bill Voos reviewed the year's events and accomplishments and congratulated the board. He announced that there will be a very brief board meeting following the June 24 annual meeting in order to vote on nominees for the 2009-2010 board.

Treasurer's report

Treasurer Shirley Newhouse reported that in the past month, Senior Academy accounts were in the plus range. As of April 30, 2009, the balances are: \$34,002 (Returning Students Scholarships), \$30,188 (IPS Students Scholarships), and \$34,007 (Academic Scholarships). In addition, SA had \$5,513 in its Foundation fund and \$4,609 in the checking account. The Treasurer's report was approved.

Nominating Committee

Chair Harriet Wilkins announced that all current board members had accepted re-nomination and were elected. They are: Marge Applegate, Ted Cutshall, Noel Duerden, Mark Grove, Mary Grove, Joe Hingtgen, Giles Hoyt, Carlyn Johnson, Golam Mannan, Shirley Newhouse, Richard Patterson, Leon Rand, Sheldon Siegel, William Voos, and Harriet Wilkins. The following individuals accepted nomination for the offices of president (Harriet Wilkins), vice president (Giles Hoyt), secretary (Mary Grove), and treasurer (Shirley Newhouse). At the annual meeting, additional nominations will be accepted, providing the nominees have given their permission in advance.

Social Committee

Chair Jean Gnat announced that, in addition to continuing members, three new members (Marilyn Bartlett, Barbara Hamilton, Shirley Newhouse) and one returning member (Ron Frank) have joined the Social Committee. Jean will have a committee meeting in early July to plan events for the year. Events already planned include a September 11 shuttle-bus campus tour followed by a presentation of IUPUI's master plan by Dr. Roger Schmenner (co-sponsored by Program Committee). In October or November, there will be a docent-led tour of a special collection of Spanish Art at the Indianapolis Museum of Art. The board agreed that the Senior Academy should continue to hold its holiday dinner at Hollyhock Hill. Jean told the board that several very good ideas for events had been suggested in the members' survey.

Program Committee

Chair Carlyn Johnson announced two programs: On October 20, 2009, a representative from TIAA-CREF will speak about what we as individuals can do to protect our investments. On January 19, 2010, Professor Tom DeCoster will give a talk titled "From Pearl Harbor to Helicopters: The Millennials Are Coming." Carlyn also brought the board's attention to an article in the June 1 *New Yorker* titled "The Cost Conundrum." The article, which has become a hot topic in the health-care reform debate, reports on research showing that high health-care costs do not result in better health care, and that unnecessary drugs and procedures are detrimental to patients' health, insurance rates, and personal finances. Carlyn said she will ask Dr. David Orentlicher to speak on the subject. Carlyn also wants to obtain a video on Long Term Care, which has been distributed by United Senior Action.

Annual Meeting Preparations

Bill Voos reviewed the agenda for the Annual Meeting. He will ask the following committee chairs to give very brief reports: Program Committee, Social Committee, Last Lecture Committee, Membership Committee, Survey Committee, Scholarship Committee, and Communications Committee. Scholarship winners will be invited to the meeting and introduced by Scholarship Committee chair Art Mirsky.

Bill said that Dean Uday Sukhatme, who has been very supportive of Senior Academy, will address the members. During the reception, Chancellor Charles Bantz will talk about the future of IUPUI. His talk will also be an opportunity to promote the Senior Academy shuttle-bus campus tour and Roger Schmenner's presentation of the IUPUI long-range plan, co-sponsored by the Program and Social committees on September 11.

Privacy Matters

Richard Patterson addressed the issue of whether the phone numbers and email addresses of board members should be included in the *Senior Sentinel* and on-line. Dick said that there have been problems with Spam and unwanted contacts, emails and phone calls coming from individuals, businesses or groups. Jean Gnat referred to an earlier Senior Academy policy against sharing lists. Mark Grove suggested that addresses and phone numbers should not appear, since members can easily contact the Senior Academy office or sponsors of events. Mary Grove moved and Shirley Newhouse seconded the motion that Senior Academy will not publish email addresses and phone numbers in its communications. Bill Voos said that he will inform Noel Duerden and Walt Linne of the action.

Plaudits

Leon Rand extended his appreciation to Bill Voos on his leadership and an exceptionally successful year for the Senior Academy. The board members applauded Bill.

Adjournment

The meeting was adjourned at 11:07 A.M.

Respectfully submitted, Mary Grove, Secretary

Next board meeting: June 24, 2009, following the Annual Meeting.

First meeting of 2009-2010 academic year: August 13, 2009, 10:00 A.M., Glendale Library.