

USI RETIREES

2014 Annual Meeting

Thursday, November 6, 2014, 3:00 p.m.

Members Attending: Dennis Avery, Jim Bandoli, John Deem, Lenny and Anne Dowhie, Phil Fisher, Yvonne Floyd, Chris and Roger Jines, Nancy Johnson, Ed Jones, Mary McGrew, Sharon Morrow, Ginger Ramsden, Roberta Schweizer, Helen Sands, Mary Schroeder, Sherrienne Standley, Mike Whipple; **Staff Attending:** Caylin Blockley from USI Foundation.

Tour: USI Construction Administrator Gary Burgdorf led retirees on a “sneak peek” of the state-of-the-art \$17.25 million Teaching Theatre, set to open in the spring. The Theatre is on University Boulevard, immediately across from the Physical Activities Center. It is physically linked to the University Center East, and shares many of UC East’s decorative Indiana manufacturing artifacts; clay structures from Can-Clay in Cannelton and wooden chair spindles from Jasper. Additionally, the Theatre’s sound will be enhanced by acoustic panels made from dashboards donated by Toyota Motor Manufacturing in Gibson County. The project has been slowed by delivery of native Indiana sandstone for the exterior, but the interior finishing is expected to be complete at the end of fall semester. The University and community will be invited to a ribbon cutting.

Program: Prior to the business meeting, Professor Emeritus of Art Lenny Dowhie gave an interesting program about his experiences teaching and creating ceramic art in Jingdezhan, China, a city of about 1.5 million people known for its porcelain. This was Professor Dowhie’s third trip to China, and it was apparent that he has developed strong friendships and art partnerships with this region of China. His wife, alumna Anne Dowhie ’83, accompanied him on the trip and gave us valuable insights on cultural and social experiences of their trip.

Call to Order: USI Retirees President John Deem called to order the USI Retirees annual meeting on Thursday, November 6, 2014, at 4:00 p.m. in Kley Meyer Hall of the USI Liberal Arts Center.

Approval of Minutes. On a motion by Sherrienne Standley, seconded by Helen Sands, the minutes of the 2013 Annual Meeting were approved as mailed.

Treasurer’s Report. Treasurer Mike Whipple circulated a report of the current condition of the USI Retirees treasury. He noted that the financial records for the USI Retirees are maintained on a July 1-June 30 fiscal year. For the previous fiscal year, the organization had revenues of \$1,457, of which \$1,340 were from dues; expenses totaled \$1,732, with printing accounting for \$1,499 of that total. Through September 30 of the current fiscal year, we have received \$340 in dues; and incurred zero expenses. The cash balance for

this expense, we can use our treasury to invest in the University. Mike is exploring the possibility of the USI Retirees organization sponsoring a scholarship(s) for employees working toward degrees. On a motion by Ed Jones, seconded by Chris Jines, this concept was approved and will be explored further. The Treasurer's Report was filed with the minutes.

President's Report. President Deem reported that a number of retirees are involved and working with the University's 50th Anniversary Committee and subcommittees in several capacities to celebrate the 50th in 2015. The Retirees were involved as a focus group in the development of the new USI logo and rollout of marketing initiatives. Our group also has worked with the Alumni and Volunteer Services Office to help identify successful alumni known to us. We also assisted with the Indiana Senior Games through the College of Nursing and Health Professions, with the SWIRCA Aging with Dignity program cooperatively with Hilliard Lyons, special events at the University, and scheduling events such as semester pizza parties and receptions to keep USI Retirees involved. He asked Coordinating Council members to stand and be recognized, thanking all of the members for their work this year.

Nominating Committee. Nominating Committee Chair Ed Jones brought the report from the Nominating Committee (comprised of Ed Jones, Sherrienne Standley and Chris Jines). The slate was approved on a motion by Dr. Jones. There were no nominations from the floor for either the Coordinating Committee or the Officers for 2015.

New members elected to the Coordinating Council are:

James Bandoli (two-year term); Ginger Ramsden (serving one-year term to replace Jane Greet who resigned); Nancy Johnson (two-year term).

Continuing members are: John Deem (second two-year term); Chris Jines (serving second year of current term); Yvonne Floyd (serving second year of current term); Mike Whipple (serving second year of current term); Jeanne Barnett (serving second year of current term)

Elected as officers are: President: John Deem; Vice President/President-elect: Mike Whipple, Secretary: Jeanne Barnett; Treasurer: Nancy Johnson; University Liaison: Yvonne Floyd.

New business. Approval of Bylaws Change. An amendment to the bylaws, changing "Coordinating Committee" to "Coordinating Council" was approved on a motion by Mike Whipple, seconded by Sherrienne Standley.

Old business. There was no old business brought before the meeting.