University of Delaware Association of Retired Faculty (UDARF)
Executive Committee Meeting Minutes
Tuesday, Sept 19, 2023 - 2:00 pm
Lobby – Courtyard by Marriott
Present: Philip Goldstein, Janet Johnson, Carolyn Manning, James O’Neill, William Saylor

President Saylor called the meeting to order at 2 pm.

1. **Minutes of April 18, 2023, Executive Committee Meeting**- approved by email in May & posted on the UDARF website.

2. **Treasurer’s Report**
   a. Funding for 2023-2024 from the Provost’s Office
      a. President Saylor contacted the Vice Provost for Faculty Affairs Matthew Kinservik (liaison to UDARF) to discuss funding for 2023-24 which remains at the $3000 provided during COVID. PreCOVID UDARF was budgeted $5000 to support the 4 luncheon programs & the 2 Intellectual Journey programs. Waiting to hear back from him.
      b. Suggested that he be invited as a guest to a luncheon program to orient him to UDARF.
   b. Balance in 'Gift Account' and methods to supplement
      a. No report on the balance.
      b. An idea used in the past one time to supplement this account was to have members donate money for beverages at the Intellectual Journey event.

3. **Planning for 2023-2024 events**
   a. Luncheon Series at The Audion
      October 2 - Dr. David Shearer, Ukraine (W. Saylor will contact)
      November 29 – Brian Floriani, Bernie’s Book Bank (J. O’Neill will contact)
      March 6 – Daniel Freeman, Horn Program in Entrepreneurship (J. O’Neill will contact.)
      April 25 – John Earnest, Professor of African American Studies (P. Goldstein will contact)
   b. My Intellectual Journey Series at The Courtyard by Marriott
      November 8 - Dr. David Herman, Professor Emeritus of Music & University Organist (W. Saylor will contact)
      April 4 suggestions: Monika Shafi (J. Johnson will contact); Carol Hoffecker (W. Saylor will follow up on this if others not available)

4. **Survey of UDARF Membership** – discussed surveying members to get ideas for UDARF & maybe suggestions for other UDARF activities; no final decision reached.
5. **Update on Retiree Health Benefits** - Joan DelFattore to provide a report to members later today (September 19, 2023)

6. **Other Business**
   a. Teresa Doggert, Sr Retirement Specialist in HR, provided earlier in the summer the list of faculty retirees who retired in 2022 & then recently contacted for the 2023 retirees. She wondered if UDARF should set up a link to enroll, which she could share with retirees.

   b. C. Manning: I would like to acknowledge Dick Sacher, previous UDARF Secretary, for all his help in supporting me in work relating to maintaining the UDARF Word Press webpage & the email contacts list as well as using UDARF Announcements to communicate with members. His computer & software technology skills are amazing!

The meeting ended at 3 pm with the next Executive Committee meeting scheduled for Tuesday, November 14 at 2 p.m.

*Minutes prepared and submitted by Carolyn K Manning, UDARF Secretary.*