

Moraine Valley Community College Annuitants Association
General Membership Meeting
Thursday, August 21, 2014
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Members present: P. Bauhs, N. Bentley, P. Bobich, W. Christensen, J. Corradetti, J. Daniher, N. Hessler, S. Lebre, M. Krajacic, C. LeFevre, K. McGinnis, J. Norton, D. O'Brien, M. Ponsford, R. Seaney, K. Stewart, P. Walztoni. Guests present: J. Dunn, A. Duren, S. Jenkins, M. Lehner.

Guest speaker: Jamey Dunn, Springfield Correspondent, *Illinois Issues*

Welcome: President Patricia Bauhs called the meeting to order at 2:05 p.m. and welcomed all in attendance. She introduced current officers and announced Nancy Bentley will serve as director, a position previously held by Jim Lenz. She expressed appreciation for Jim's service.

Approval of Minutes: Patricia Bauhs presented the minutes from the previous meeting, and they were approved. Kathleen Stewart and Nancy Hessler.

Treasurer's Report: Steve Lebre reported a current balance of \$2,300 in savings and \$1,700 in checking. Our chapter contributed \$1,000 to the legal fund. We receive \$5 per member from SUAA.

Membership: Jane Corradetti reported 145 letters and membership forms were sent to nonmembers in early June encouraging them to join SUAA/MVCCAA. According to the last membership report published at the end of June, total membership is 227.

The MVAA brochure, which is available in Human Resources, was reviewed. It was suggested that we e-mail a PDF of the brochure, a membership form, and links to legal fund and SUAA action information to all MVCCAA members. It was also suggested the PDF of the brochure be available on the MVCCAA website.

Report and Results of the Annual Meeting: Patricia Bauhs, Nancy Bentley, and Kathleen Stewart attended the annual meeting held in Springfield in June. The proposed bylaws were not accepted by the Board of Directors. There is a new Executive Committee, which will need to determine how to proceed. The membership expressed appreciation to Pat Bauhs for serving on the board and to Kathleen Stewart for her involvement in the revision of the bylaws.

Legislative Report: Wesley Christensen encouraged members to navigate to www.SUAA.org to view the videos related to the pension lawsuit. Contributions may be made to the legal fund which can be applied only to the lawsuit. Contributions may also be made to SUAA Action, the political arm of SUAA.

State of the College: Dr. Sylvia Jenkins, MVCC president, reported the college is in good standing even though appropriations from the state continue to decline. The college hired 70 new employees in the past year. The H Building is complete, and the search for a hospital partner is ongoing. Building G will be renovated and the Library will be expanded. The membership was invited to participate in Community Learning Day, Tuesday, October 7, which will encourage individuals to donate service to a variety of local charities and service agencies. We are now a smoke-free campus.

Illinois Issues, Pensions, and Benefits: Jamey Dunn, Springfield correspondent for *Illinois Issues*, reported on the spring session of the General Assembly. She shared the following report:

- Because this is an election year, little was accomplished.
- The history of the flat tax and the possible implementation of a graduated tax.
- No movement on solving budget problems; there may be action after elections.
- Supreme Court ruling on retiree health care and the implications of that ruling.
- New revenue is needed; possible taxing of pension benefits may be one option as well as an income tax increase.

Announcements: Employee blood screenings will be offered September 17 and 18. Retirees may contact Human Resources for more information.

It has been suggested that the membership organize one or two social activities per year. Anyone who would like to share ideas could see Wes Christiansen. The next meeting is scheduled for October 7.

Adjournment: The meeting was adjourned at 4:20 p.m. followed by viewing the MVCC “Year in Review” video.

Jane Corradetti for Charlotte Razor, Secretary