Members Present: Elaine Beaudoin, Doris Brown, Alice Farrell, Jerry Goldman, Phil Kemp, Dick Meister, Nancy Rospenda
Members Absent: Fr. Udovic
Guest Present: Denny Shea

After approval of the minutes, Alice mentioned that Michael Kazanjian has announced his retirement.

Members present commented on the last luncheon. Everyone was pleased with the food, the company, and the entertainment. InterChorus was a truly impressive a cappella group. Phil will thank David Sims and the committee for their work in getting InterChorus to perform. Alice announced that she has reserved room 120B for the next Fall luncheon, scheduled for November 1, 2013. Since the spring luncheon will be held in the DePaul Club downtown, space will be somewhat limited. Thus there will be no note cards available at this luncheon. There might be a problem with parking downtown.

Denny presented a brief outline of the survey at the last luncheon. The mailed-in response to the survey was very impressive. A number of out-of-town people replied to the survey. Denny suggested all who responded to the survey be sent the survey summary that was distributed at the Fall luncheon and thank those who replied. There are a number of alumni groups active in other states. Doris will contact Advancement to confirm/suggest that retirees located in cities where Alumni events are held be invited to some of these events.

The health care question raised in the survey has been forwarded to Rosa. We should let members know we are listening to them through the newsletter. A summary of the survey should be sent out and posted on the website, with a copy going to archives. It seems we are meeting the needs of the majority of retirees. Denny mentioned that the DES scholarship program is greatly appreciated by members. He added that a survey should be done every few years. Elaine thanked him for his all his work on this survey.

The oral history project is moving along. Kathryn DeGraff is scheduled for November 20. Brother Leo, Karen Stark, George Flynn, Harry Wray, Helen Marlborough, Doris Brown, Tom Stinchcomb, John Masterson (Spring), and Tom Croak have all agreed to be interviewed. Brian and Dave are flexible as to times and dates. We now have a good list going. Alice will arrange for the interviews.

A nominating committee, chaired by Dick Meister and including Doris Brown, Elaine Beaudoin and Jerry Goldman, will be formed to fill the two positions up for election. A nomination request will be made in the newsletter. Dick should be notified of any nominations. A question was raised as to whether the membership of this committee
should be increased from six to eight. If new members are added, they should have specific responsibilities, possibly the web, the volunteer program, data and information streams, or out-of-state outreach (with Alumni Relations). Maybe we can make a list of what DES should do but doesn’t. Look at action plans as a source. The possibility of a co-chair could be considered.

The DES Online Directory should be ready in spring. A mailing will be sent out, with a return, asking members if they want their information included in the directory. This letter will be sent out after the follow-up solicitation letter. Possibly a ballot could be included in this mailing if we have enough nominations to support an election. This should be done in March.

Phil is working on the spring program. Bob Janis was suggested as a speaker since so many projects have taken place on the Loop Campus. Alice will contact Admissions to see if they would be willing to give retirees a short tour after the luncheon. A large number of retirees at the luncheon expressed interest in the field trips and did not have a problem with possibly having to pay. Transportation would leave from the LP Campus. It was decided not to charge for the trip. Phil will contact the museum and make arrangements for the trip. Friday would be the best day; an event could also be held in summer. He is also attempting to coordinate a DES service day with the DePaul Service Day organization, taking into account limitations of DES members. DES members volunteer in their communities – Phil thought we could quiz members and report the total number of hours our members volunteer.

The benefits committee met on October 25. HR will be drawing up a list of all DePaul benefits since many of our members did not realize they had e-mail, demon discounts, library access, ID cards, etc., available to them. Retiree sessions were held during the last health faire. Rosa supplied DES members with a flash drive outlining various compensation examples if one goes outside the Medicare system for treatment. We should have a copy of the summary plan document that is a contractual obligation of insurance to DePaul people. This should be available so members can ascertain their rights and benefits. Rosa agreed to write a benefits column for the newsletter. HR is also drawing up a complete list of benefits (with contact numbers) available to all retirees. BCBS will not provide an ombudsperson for the university; that would also increase the cost to the university. As of now, Diana should be contacted for any benefits questions, since Gretchen has left the university.

Nancy agreed to incorporate all suggestions into the next newsletter. She had also reviewed the website and sent Alice a note requesting a number of updates to the site. Elaine added that the In Memoriam section should also be updated.

Free evening and weekend parking permits for the LPC are available. However, there is a limited number of these permits.

Contributions to the DES Scholarship Fund are $1000 ahead of last year. The average donation is $300. It was recommended that the second request letter be sent out earlier so
the number and amount of scholarships awarded can be determined earlier. Alice agreed that this mailing could be sent out in January.

The next meeting will take place on January 8 at noon in the loop.