DE PAUL EMERITUS SOCIETY  
September 12, 2012  
Noon - 2:00 p.m.  
Submitted by Nancy Rospenda

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

The meeting opened with a suggestion by Jerry Goldman to revise the June minutes to read “contract” instead of “contractual differences” in the Benefits section. The minutes were approved as revised.

The October 19 luncheon was the next item on the agenda. The day will begin with a Mass at 10:30, followed by a meet-and-greet from 11:00 to 11:30. The luncheon will follow, with Elaine welcoming members, announcing new members’ names and the names of those who have passed on since the last luncheon, and any other business. Denny will speak about the results of the survey and Doris will provide a scholarship fund report. She will also encourage donations so that we can meet the $15,000 matching grant challenge provided by Father Udovic. He has agreed to match all donated funds up to $15,000. Requests for donations will be sent out October 1.

Alice announced that there were 16 new DES members: H. Woods Bowman, Ray Coye, Tom Croak, Kathryn DeGraff, Jim Doyle, Robert Fisher, Geri Foskett, Adam Gehr, Susan Kosinski, Helen Marlborough, John Roberts, Maureen Scott, Sr. Patricia Vinje, Micheline Wendorf, Richard Wiltgen, and Harry Wray. Elaine will welcome them at the luncheon.

Phil will ask Karen Stark to introduce the DePaul a cappella choir which will provide the entertainment following the luncheon. Since the May luncheon will be held on the Loop campus, there will be a short tour of the facilities there after the luncheon.

Discussion turned to the survey. Denny will present the findings at the October luncheon. Denny noted some differences between the 2008 and the 2012 surveys. For example, in 2012 the DePaul Magazine was rated as the most highly valued in benefits provided by the university; in 2008 it was seventh. However, there were different parameters used in the 2008 survey, so a valid comparison would be hard to make. This survey revealed that the DES newsletter, the scholarship program, and the oral history project were all regarded as very important. The luncheon remained valued in both surveys; luncheons were more highly valued by local residents. Most of the surveys indicated that communication, in whatever form, was very important to retirees. A suggestion was made that the page in the survey summary regarding benefits be shared with Rosa. Alice mentioned that she has contacted everyone who asked questions in their survey replies and resolved a number of issues.
A number of retirees asked if a printed directory could be made available. If a retiree has access to the DePaul website, they can pull up information on current employees, but the retirees are not included in the directory information. More retirees focus on paper rather than electronics, but that could change with the changing demographic of the DES.

The on-line directory should be available sometime in November. There will be no mass printing of paper directories. Members will be asked what personal information should be included in this directory. If someone has a problem accessing the information, they can always call Alice for help. This directory will not be in Campus Connect.

Discussion of the Special Events section of the comments revealed that Sally Chappelle has requested that she be invited to an event to speak about her book *Chicago’s Urban Nature*. She would also sign copies of her book. This was taken under advisement by Phil. He is also working with the Chicago History Museum and the Peggy Notabaert Museum as sites for field trips. He will take these suggestions back to his committee. It was noted that the oral history and memorabilia projects were also considered important to retirees.

Phil enlarged on his search for field trips. At the luncheon he will ask the membership if/what they prefer as a trip – Peggy or History. He will ask if there are additional suggestions for trips. Someone also mentioned the Art Institute in their survey reply. Regarding the oral history project, it was felt that interviews should be conducted with as many retirees as are available. Alice stated that asking for interviewees via e-mail or letter was not effective, so the committee made suggestions as to who should be interviewed and each committee member was assigned at least one contact to convince them to do the interview. The list is as follows: John Roberts (Denny), Karen Stark (Phil), Tom Croak (Dick), Kathryn DeGraff (Elaine), Harry Wray (Dick), John Masterson (Dick), Robert Brewer (Nancy), George Flynn (Dick), Margaret Powers (Doris), Leigh George (Denny), John Koval (Dick), Helen Marlborough (Jerry), and Brother Leo Ryan (Phil). Others mentioned who will be held in abeyance are Ed Schillinger, Jim Ostholhoff and Jim Doyle. Dick will ask Tom Stinchcomb at the luncheon if Tom is in attendance. Those contacted should be told that there are three interviews currently available on the web for their enlightenment and that the process would take no more than an hour. Last but not least, the volunteer day in May may be a project for DES members.

As benefits committee chair, Jerry announced that there will be a special meeting for retirees held during the Benefits Faire in October. Further information will be sent out with the luncheon invitation. Rosa will be distributing flash drives describing Medicare/BCBS calculations at this meeting. Jerry will continue to work on the out-of-network question.

Nancy stated that the communication committee is functioning as usual. Suggestions made in previous discussion at this meeting will be incorporated into the next newsletter. Facebook seems like a lost cause. The blog is the place to get the most up-to-date news and has been renamed the DES News Update.
Denny distributed the latest DES giving report. DES members almost made the $15,000 goal for matching funds. The participation rate this year rose, but the total gifts amount was down 10% from last year. Part of this might be attributed to the campaign pledges turned in last year. He added that the second solicitation letter sent in February does pay off in donations. Scholarship recipients should be encouraged to attend the spring luncheon. Their presence makes a big impact on the members. If they cannot attend, a visual snapshot should be provided.

It is nomination time again. It was decided that the same process as last year would be used – that a slate be created by the nomination committee (composed of those whose term is not expiring). Members can volunteer to run or can be nominated by someone else. Nominated members should be located in the area.

The question of parking permits was raised. Bob Janis will be contacted as to the availability of night and weekend permits for DES committee members.

The next meeting will take place on November 7.