De Paul Emeritus Society
Steering Committee Meeting Minutes – January 19, 2012

Submitted By Jerry Goldman

Members Present: Elaine Beaudoin, Alice Farrell, Jerry Goldman, Phillip Kemp, Richard Meister, Dennis Shea
Members Absent: Nancy Rospenda, Fr. Ed Udovic

After welcoming members Elaine thanked Alice for setting-up the meeting room and the lunch. The minutes of the Steering Committee meeting of 10/5/11 were approved after deletion of the last sentence of paragraph six: “Twenty-eight to 30% of DES members live out-of-state and 35% of those members returned the last survey.”

Alice reported the names of new retirees were not available yet.

A discussion of the past Fall Luncheon ensued, with all members reporting positive recollections and particularly noted enjoying the German theme cuisine. Over 20 people later participated in the following DePaul Art Gallery tour. Specific suggestions for parking will be provided for future luncheon attendees.

The upcoming Spring Luncheon will be held in Room 120 of the Student Center (LPC) on 5/18/12, and the ensuing Fall Luncheon will also be at LPC in SC 314 on 10/19/12. Phil indicated that his Special Events & Projects committee is deciding whether to invite the DePaul A Cappella Choir (introduced by Judy Bundra) to perform at the Spring event or to offer a tour of the new Arts and Letters Building (introduced by Susan Solway) following the luncheon. In each case Alice will send-out email and land mail invitations for the luncheon to DES members about a month before each event. Moreover, The SE&P committee will consider setting-up a visit to the Peggy Notebaert Nature Museum as a stand-alone event during Spring Break in 2013, preceded by breakfast.

Elaine mentioned that nominee names for the DES Steering Committee election include Doris Brown and Richard Meister, plus possibly that of one more person. It is hoped that ballots will be mailed out to the membership during the first week of February.

Denny distributed samples of two different formats of a new survey he created of DES member needs, expectations, and suggestions. Those present reviewed the survey and asked Denny to modify the response format to include a four column grid that would use numerals between 1 and 4 to indicate use and degree of importance of various items. Surveys will be mailed to DES members in the first week of March.

Denny circulated his 1/19/12 DES Giving Report. Total giving (including pledges) by DES members from 7/1/11 to 1/13/12 was $ 98,725.00; for comparison, the Total for the 7/1/09 to 6/30/10 period (FY 2010) was $136,099.00 and it was $483,523.00 in FY 2011. (The monthly average for the 12 month period in Fiscal 2010 was about $11,342 and that
for the 6.5 months in the current FY is $15,188. So, it looks as if we are on track to exceed the 2010 period giving. Note also that the current participation rate was about three-fourths of the 2010 rate.) Elaine asked that Alice follow-up to see that a Memo of Understanding, to the effect that Mission and Values will match up to $15,000.00 in DES member giving, augmented with relevant endowment earnings, exists. These funds will support multiple scholarships that DES sponsors and Financial Aid directs and distributes. Elaine also asked if Alice would check on the existence of a University timeline/calendar to be provided to future interviewees.

Jerry expects to learn more about claims handling by Blue Cross/Blue Shield of IL for services provided to retirees by medical professionals that opted-out of being Medicare providers. This information will be provided to Rosa Perez and will likely be discussed at a Benefits Committee meeting.

Elaine reported that reaction to the DES October Newsletter was very complimentary – including a nice mention by Fr. Richardson.

The next Steering Committee meeting is scheduled for Thursday, 4/19/12, at noon.