DEPAUL EMERITUS SOCIETY
January 29, 2009
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Members Present: Elaine Beaudoin, Alice Farrell, Jerry Goldman, Nancy Rospenda, Dennis Shea, Fr. Ed Udovic

Members Absent: Fr. Tom Croak, Dick Meister

After Elaine welcomed the members, the minutes were approved as submitted. Since Father Dennis is still on the schedule for the May meeting, Elaine will pass along information on the Society for his welcome talk. The luncheon will begin at 11:30 with a reception and lunch will begin at 12:15. Kathryn DeGraff will be invited to give a brief talk on the memorabilia project after the luncheon and display some memorabilia items. Any information gleaned from the morning meeting (see next paragraph) can also be shared after the meal. The opportunity for members to sign notes to members not present will be available at the luncheon. These notes will have a “we miss you” note preprinted in them and a few sentence insert about items of interest to DES members. Our first scholarship recipient should also be present to say a few words on his/her goals and dreams. It’s always nice to see an actual person instead of hearing an announcement about a scholarship recipient.

Jerry Goldman has arranged for speakers from TIAA and Fidelity to give a brief presentation before the luncheon on current market conditions and their effect on retiree funds. A brief time will be allocated for questions; the presentation should take about one and one-quarter hours and will begin at 10:00 a.m. At this meeting, retirees will also be able to schedule one-on-one talks with TIAA and Fidelity reps. RSVP’s for the luncheon could also include an opportunity to submit questions for the reps to discuss during the meeting. Contact numbers for the reps could also be included in the invitation so people can make individual appointments.

The benefits committee met with HR on January 12. Brad Price gave a short presentation on the possibility of dental and vision insurance. At present, it seems that individual insurance would cost approximately the same price as anything that would be overseen by DePaul. A question was raised as to what other institutions do with regard to this benefit for retirees. Brad reaffirmed that he is available to retirees to answer individual inquiries. HR’s website also answers general benefits questions for retirees. A suggestion was put forth that benefits meetings for retirees be held before open enrollment next year. Would retirees be interested in this? This question should be asked at the luncheon in May. Brad also mentioned a change in the drug plan. There is now a price penalty in addition to the co-pay for brand name drugs rather than a generic, unless the prescribing doctor checks the “dispense as written” box. Benefits changes such as this should be passed along to retirees. Brad has also agreed to provide info for the retirees’ newsletter. No follow-up meeting has been scheduled at this time with HR, but Jerry agreed to meet with his committee if a long period of time elapses between meetings.

The DES advancement committee met with Advancement staff, including Sydney Plant and LaTonya Williams, on December 4. It was very productive and cordial. A list of agreements with Advancement was drawn up which included the fact that solicitation mailings will be sent separately to retirees and that retirees will not receive the University’s faculty and staff solicitation. The retirees’ solicitation is now geared to all University causes, not just the scholarship fund. The total amount of funds collected by the University and by the DES should be included in the DES Newsletter. This might encourage people to donate if they see others are contributing.

Maureen and Meg, of Financial Aid, will select a student to receive the spring quarter DES scholarship. Meg will invite the recipient to attend the spring luncheon. The SES agreement with the University with regard to this scholarship funding will be updated to place it under the auspices of the DES. The agreement will be re-signed and re-filed with Development. The faculty emergency fund will be rolled over into this scholarship fund. Denny and Dick will get the awarding of the scholarship and the transfer of funds moving.

Father Udovic stated that there is funding in the current budget for a continuation of the oral history project. Volunteers should be solicited to get this project on track again. Fr. Croak should have a committee meeting to
facilitate this project, since with each member’s passing some of DePaul’s history is lost forever. Elaine, Alice, and Father Udovic should be included in this meeting. Either the longer interview model or multiple short interviews on a specific topic (or not) were suggested. The multiple short interviews could be conducted on the day of the luncheon.

Father Udovic mentioned that Karen Stark, Phil Kemp and his wife, and Jeanne Maloney will be going on the Vincentian Heritage Tour in August.

An all alumni reunion will be held in October at DePaul. An Arizona alumni reunion will be held in February. All retirees in AZ will be invited to this reunion, and all retirees will be invited to the big reunion in October.

Should there be three newsletters a year?

A program idea for fall was the presentation of the DePaul master plan.

A question was asked as to whether the retiree website can be split into public and private; the private would be included under Campus Connect. Elaine and Nancy will be brainstorming all ideas that could be put into the ‘perfect’ retiree website, both public and private.

The next meeting will take place on May 4 at noon.

Elaine
- DES info to Fr. Dennis for May luncheon
- Note in next year’s Christmas card
- Ask retirees if interest in meetings before open enrollment next year
- Contact Fr. Tom

Alice
- DES stats to Elaine
- Check K. DeGraff’s availability for luncheon
- Check availability of Commons for early meeting before luncheon
- Invitations mailed a month before
- We Missed You note cards for luncheon
- Check amount of money in scholarship fund
- Can website be split into private and public?

Nancy
- Short info note for notecards
- Benefits in newsletter
- Restate scholarship criteria in newsletter
- Newsletter: Retirees will be invited to all alumni meetings
- Ask each chair to do a short statement on their committee (benefits, fundraising, etc.)

Nancy & Elaine
- Brainstorm all ideas for an ideal website

Fr. Ed
- Update and obtain signatures for DES scholarship agreement
- Make sure that the criteria are clearly included in the agreement

Dick
- Call Ellin Kelly regarding the faculty emergency fund

Denny & Dick
- Get awarding of scholarship and transfer of funds moving