DE PAUL EMERITUS SOCIETY
September 30, 2009
Submitted by Nancy Rospenda

Members Present: Elaine Beaudoin, Al Erlebacher, Alice Farrell, Jerry Goldman, Dick Meister, Nancy Rospenda, Denny Shea

There were no changes made to the last minutes.

Bob Kozoman has agreed to speak at the upcoming DES luncheon. Since there are now two oral history projects – one audio and one video – questions for the audio oral history interviews to be done at the luncheon will be included in the invitations to prod peoples’ memories. The subject of these short oral history interviews will be the Flood of 1992. Father Richardson’s most recent letter and a ‘share your news’ form will also be included. These interviews will take place in a separate room and Brian will provide the technology. A short film clip of the news during the flood will be shown during the luncheon, as well as a clip of some of the filmed oral histories. These clips will both be about ten minutes in length and be shown during dessert. A script sheet will be provided so all oral interviews will follow the same format. Al will give a short spiel regarding both the oral and video history projects. Elaine will welcome new retirees and give a short summary of what has been accomplished in the first year of the DES. She will also stress that DES listens to its members.

Steering committee elections are coming up. A letter informing members about the upcoming elections will be included with the December newsletter. Nominations will be solicited and Alice will call the nominee to see if they would like to run for office. Ballots will be sent out after the first of the year.

Apparently there was some confusion regarding HR including a date and information regarding a benefits session for retirees in the recent benefits mailing. Since there was no session planned, even though Jerry had spoken to HR about one, it was decided that a separate information session be held before the end of October for retirees who desire information or want to make changes to their benefits. HR is willing to set up a session. Information will be sent to the retirees as to the date and time for this meeting. The session should take place before the end of October before benefits have to be decided. The availability of individual counseling should also be mentioned in this mailing. Members of the steering committee should attend if possible.

A mid-October solicitation is planned for the DES Scholarship Fund. Denny has had a number of discussions with Advancement and believes he has a good handle on the roster. The letter should be mailed by October 12. Pledge cards will be available on the tables at the luncheon. Pat O’Donohue from Advancement may also attend the luncheon. Denny mentioned that this committee should have goals – an increase in participation over last year and an increase in the percentage donated. This past year, 12% of retirees’ contributions were designated for the scholarship fund, and 30% of retirees contributed to DePaul, for a total of $121,000. If the fund were to increase to $50,000, half of the donations could be used to support a student and half could be added to the fund. It was felt that testimony from Elliott Pence should be included in the solicitation letter to let retirees know that someone is actually benefitting from the fund. A follow-up letter should be mailed in January as a reminder to those who did not donate. If we focus on participation the donations will follow. The percentage of retirees participating should be emphasized.

The most recent retirees will be interviewed first for the video Oral History project. Audio interviews for my favorite memory are still to be scheduled. If an agreeable date can be set, all the video interviews could be done on one day. People identified as very good candidates for the video interview were Dick Houk, Cherif Bassioumi, Ed Schillinger, John Masterson, and Bella Itkin. Al agreed to contact these individuals to determine if they are willing to be interviewed. He will also attempt to set up a date for these interviews.

Alice is currently entering static information for DES on the web and sending it to Brian for entry. All the information should be entered by the time the December newsletter is mailed. The efficacy of our Facebook site is still to be determined. It is a closed group that could be used for discussion and information. It can also link to videos that retirees might enjoy. It was suggested that Bob Kozoman’s PDF of the campus be included on the site.
Karen Stark and Jeanne Maloney recently went on the Vincentian Heritage Tour. They will be solicited for an article about the tour to be included in the December newsletter.

It was suggested that a faculty member be solicited to talk to the retirees about the state of the economy at the May 18, 2010 luncheon. Bill Poppei’s name was submitted as a knowledgeable and entertaining person for this talk. Possibly a twenty minute talk with a ten minute question-and-answer period could be done. If Bill is not available, an alternative topic could be health care.

**The next steering committee meeting will take place on January 20th.**

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Updates to Elaine about who is planning on attending luncheon  
Pledge cards for table  
Secure a priest for Mass  
Find out whose term ends when for DES officers  
Letter regarding benefits information session to be included with invite  
Cards and printing for solicitation  
Solicitation mailing by October 12  
List of recent retirees to Al for Oral History  
Brian to set up media  
Member record sheet to Al |
| Denny | Fold and stuff solicitation? |
| Nancy | Newsletter: progress report on fund-raising (include Elliott) and benefits, web page, oral history, Facebook (discussion groups and videos), elections, article by Karen and Jeanne?; new retirees, obits |
| Al | Ask people if they would like to do a video Oral History interview  
Member Record – spring mailing? |
| Dick | Contact Bill Poppei |
| Elaine | Summary of DES’s first year at luncheon |