

Minutes  
Executive Committee  
GPC/DeKalb College Retiree Association  
January 9, 2013  
1:00p.m. Institutional Advancement Conference Room

- **Welcome**  
President Betty Molloy opened the meeting and welcomed those present: Catherine Carter, Secretary, Bari Haskins-Jackson, V. President and Mary Sanders, Treasurer. Vicki Carew joined the meeting later.
- **Secretary's Report**  
Catherine Carter presented the minutes of both the September 5<sup>th</sup> Executive Committee meeting and the October 10<sup>th</sup> Quarterly meeting. Changes were suggested for each document; the minutes of the Executive Committee edited minutes were passed. The adjusted Quarterly meeting minutes will be presented at the Quarterly meeting on February 13<sup>th</sup>.
- **Treasurer's Report**  
Mary Sanders presented the reports showing membership changes since the last meeting. In addition the monies raised by the Holiday party completed the funds needed for the endowed scholarship. A few questions were answered by Beth Williams.
- **Committee reports**  
Mary Sanders reported that there had been no meetings of the Membership Committee. There is a need for membership information to be made available for all new retirees. There was some discussion of the activity of the Fund Raising Committee in discussion of the Holiday Party by Bari Haskins-Jackson who planned and carried out most of the event.
- **Plans for the February 13<sup>th</sup> Quarterly Meeting.**  
Bari Haskins-Jackson has made plans for all meetings except for the upcoming meeting. There ensued discussion as to what would be of most interest to the group. Bari suggested a relaxation/memory interaction program which she can arrange herself. Betty Molloy suggested that member Beryl Baker be invited to give a demonstration of ballroom dancing. Other suggestions were a presentation by one or more DeKalb Symphony members. But most of the discussion centered around a need for information about the state of the college. Vicki Carew suggested that it would be better to ask Interim President Rob Watts to return in August after completion of the fiscal year. It was agreed that Ron Stark, the new Vice president of Finance and Facilities, will be asked to give a presentation about what the audit found. He should address the question about whether the school is on track in recouping funds and how that impacts the collage financially. There should be mention of SACs probationary decision and how probation will be removed. Vicki will ask Ron Stark if he can make this report. Depending on the

length of his report and response from the group, Bari may introduce the relaxation activities following.

- Plans for the upcoming year  
Plans for programs for quarterly meetings are more or less in place. There was discussion of possible field trips. It was thought that several possibilities would be suggested to the group as a whole. Then members would be asked to make their own suggestions. Suggestions would be listed on a sign-up sheet. Members would be asked, following the meeting, to commit to the proposed activities in which they are interested in participating. Some initial suggestions would be the following: Big Canoe in March to see the daffodils, a day trip to Arabia Mountain/Preserve, a tour of the Hindu/Buddist Temple, a tour of the Oakland Cemetery.
- Ideas for increasing membership  
More information is needed about new retirees, especially personal email addresses. President Molloy suggested the creation of a brochure that would include an information section which could be made available to faculty/staff members when they meet with Patrice Masterson in her retiree information sessions. It was suggested that a hard copy of the newsletter could be sent to dues-paying members. There was a lot of discussion about the length of the newsletter and whether it needs to be printed in color (which cannot be printed in-house) . Vicki Carew assured the group that the newsletter has been budgeted and that, now that the newsletter is produced only three times a year, it could be sent to all retirees, not just the 100+ dues-paying members. She feels that that it is a good recruitment tool. She also mentioned that there is always reference to the Retiree Association in her submissions to the Chronicle. This time there will be reference to the Holiday Party as it relates to fund-raising efforts for the scholarship.
- Newsletter  
There was much more discussion about the quality of printing for the newsletters, their length, and the information that would be included. Should we include contributions from retiree members that are not directly related to the organization's activities?
- Retiree Association website  
There is continuing concern as to whether retirees can or do access the newsletter on the Web. The URL is not user friendly and may discourage access. Vicki will ask OIT if there is a way to more user friendly URL for the website. There was discussion about the creation of a Nominating Committee. In the past, Nominating Committee members were those not interested in being new offices. Mary Sanders agreed to be on the nominating committee. Others will be solicited from the membership. Erica has items left over from the Holiday Party. Can they be made available in some way at the February meeting?
- The meeting was adjourned at 3:40 p.m.

Respectfully submitted by Catherine Carter, Secretary