

GSW Retiree Association  
Minutes of the Mon 8 Sep 2008 Board Meeting  
2:00 pm, President's Conference Room, GSW

The meeting was called to order by Jay Cliett, Chair. Those present were: Richard Baringer, Jay Cliett, Barbara DeStefano, June Ewing, Liz Kelly, Bill Kipp, Martha Maddox, and Tom Wheeler.

The minutes of the 11 Aug 2008 meeting were approved.

The Service Committee presented Ms. Darcy Schraufnagel, Assistant Dean of Students at GSW, who made some suggestions of how the GSW Retiree Association could help out in various activities throughout the year:

1) Darcy first thanked the Association for welcoming parents and students to the four STORM (freshmen pre-registration) days held during the summer. The coffee, cookies, fruit—and pleasant smiles and conversation—were well received. The dates for STORM next summer are: Fri 5 June, Fri 26 June, and Mon 13 July 2009.

2) Preview Days (for those interested in attending GSW next year) will be Sat 15 Nov 2008, Sat 7 Feb 2009 and Sat 21 Mar 2009. Retirees could once again greet and meet prospective students and their parents during coffee at 8:30 am. The GSW Alumni Association provides the coffee. This event will probably be in the area between the Intramural Gym (the old “New Gym”) and the Storm Dome (the really new gym).

3) Retirees could assist the Host & Marshalls at graduation—both in directing families to seating at the ceremony and especially afterwards in helping to serve refreshments at the reception. Graduation this semester is Sat 13 Dec 2008.

4) Retirees could serve as mentors to freshmen in the residence halls. The Residence Assistant responsible for a particular group (of 15 freshmen) would keep the mentor informed of various planned activities.

5) Special recognition could be given to retirees at an athletic event.

6) Alumni Weekend (the first weekend in February) would certainly provide some opportunities for retirees to visit with former students.

7) Homecoming will be the last Saturday of February. Retirees may want to participate or help out in the planned activities.

Darcy will stay in touch with Martha Maddox and Richard Baringer as these and other opportunities present themselves.

Richard Baringer will send Darcy name tag information for those who will be participating in the Preview days.

June Ewing, for the Social Committee, reminded retirees of the travelogue luncheon to be held Wed 10 Sep in the staff/faculty dining room. John and Harriet Bates will be sharing their travels to Portugal. Those who want to help set up should arrive around 11:30. Royce Hackett will provide somebody to set up and check the equipment.

Next month, on Wed 15 Oct, Martha Maddox and one other person will present their recent travels during the mid-week buffet.

Liz Kelly suggested that the Human Resources newsletter, which contains updates on new employees and recent retirees, be forwarded to all retirees. June moved (Barbara seconded) that we also send out the minutes of the board meetings to all retirees. The motion carried.

Bill Kipp, for the Benefits Committee, said that Vera Weisskopf, librarian, wants to know how the carrels will be used by retirees. The consensus was that the carrels can remain unlocked unless somebody wants to leave equipment or materials in a particular carrel.

Bill also reminded us that a GSW ID card entitles retirees to a state employee discount wherever they may be given (lodging, in particular)—even out of state!

Liz talked to Royce Hackett about developing a web page for the Association. Ms. Thays Franca, graphics designer within University Relations, will design a template and keep the web page updated. Liz, Bill, Richard and Tom will be the Web Page committee.

At our next board meeting we will discuss procedures for electing board members for the next year.

The next meeting will be on Mon 13 Oct at 2:00 pm.

The meeting was adjourned at 3:12 pm.

Tom Wheeler  
Vice Chair/Secretary