

Approved as presented at UNOPA General Membership Meeting on November 14, 2017

UNOPA General Membership Meeting Minutes

October 10, 2017
11:45 a.m.-1:00 p.m.
Nebraska Union

CALL TO ORDER

President Barbara Homer called the meeting to order at 12:00 p.m. New members and guests were asked to stand.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Minutes of the September 12, 2017 general membership meeting were emailed to the membership prior to the meeting. **Mary Klucas moved: "I move to approve the September 12, 2017 minutes as presented." Seconded by Donelle Moormeier. Motion passed by a show of hands of those in attendance.**

OFFICER REPORTS

Treasurer's Report. The September 2017 treasurer's report was emailed to the membership prior to the meeting and will be filed for audit.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

Corresponding Secretary: Katherine Schwartman reported that the Giving Tree recipient this year will be Lynette's Angels. The tree will be on display at the November and December meetings. Various gift cards will be the items to purchase.

Awards: LaRita Lang announced that the nomination deadline for the Oldt Boss of the Year Award, Oldt Outstanding Staff Award and the Oldt Silver Pen Award is October 12, 2017. Contact LaRita Lang if you need more time to complete the nomination, she can extend the date.

Career Development: Lorraine Moon reminded the members about the UNOPA workshop on November 3, 2017. The deadline to register is October 23, 2017. The raffle for the PSP Endowment committee is going on. Drawings will be held November 3rd at the workshop.

Employee Concerns: Diane Wasser, member of the University-Wide Benefits Advisory Committee, provided a recap from the Benefits meeting. Open enrollment is coming up. This year everything will be done electronically. No postcards or fliers will be mailed. The University has hired a consulting firm to look at the entire benefits package offered at UNL.

3-D mammograms are now covered under pre-care. Telehealth is a service that allows you to speak with a medical doctor over the phone. The doctor may be able to provide prescriptions after speaking with you. Changes to the vacation leave maximum hours allowed may be scaled based on years at the University. It is expected that we will receive at least a three-month notice before changes are implemented. One reason for implementing a lower maximum vacation hours is that they want people to use their vacation time. For sick leave, they are thinking of doing a similar sort of sliding scale. The Budget Response Team is looking at alternatives. There was discussion about how faculty earn their sick leave. Human Resources wants input and suggestions. Email Bruce Currin or humanresourcesbrt@nebraska.edu.

Membership: Kelsey Sims reported that there are currently 65 UNOPA members: 47 active, 3 new, 3 associate, 10 retiree, 1 honorary, and 1 lifetime. If you are not receiving listserv emails, let Kelsey Sims know.

UNOPA Notes: President Homer reported on behalf of Judy Anderson. The deadline to submit articles is October 18, 2017.

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Ways & Means: President Homer reported for Marla Nissen that there are still shifts available for this Saturday's game.

NEOPA/NAEOP Liaison: Tricia Liedle announced that October 20th is the NEOPA Fall Conference. Information about the fun pasta fundraiser was presented.

Outreach: Gretchen Mills reported that there are currently 13 people signed up for Secret Friends. You can still sign up. The 50/50 drawing total amount collected was \$50.00. \$25.00 will be given to Lynette's Angels. Donelle Moormeier was the winner of \$25.00. She asked that the money go to Lynette's Angels.

Winners of door prizes were Donette Petersen, Mardi Bonner, Donelle Moormeier and Alycia Harden. Each received an angel.

PROGRAM

Donna Bode introduced the guest speaker, Kara Burwell from Lynette's Angels, President Homer's charity. Kara Burwell spoke about Lynette's Angels, how it got started and what Lynette's Angels does. What began as a simple wish by Lynette Earnest, Kara's sister-in-law, who was battling colon cancer, to help a family during the holidays, has grown in the past four years. If you know of anyone who is struggling during the holidays, go to the Lynette's Angels Facebook and nominate them. They will be accepting nominations beginning November 2, 2017.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

President Homer announced that the Supplier Showcase will be October 17, 2017. UNOPA will have a booth.

On October 22, 2017 there will be a "Steppin' for Gretchen" walk to raise funds for the American Breast Cancer Society.

The holiday shopping bus trip to Kansas City, MO will be November 11, 2017.

The next meeting of the general membership will be November 14, 2017 at the Willa Cather Dining Complex.

President Homer adjourned the meeting at 1:00 p.m.

Submitted by Marsha Yelden, Recording Secretary