

USI Retirees Coordinating Council Agenda
Tuesday, March 15, 2016
1:30 p.m. Foundation Office

: Chris Jines reported the results of her research for bereavement cards that the Retirees Council can send to USI retirees and their families, on behalf of all USI retirees. Chris suggested we purchase cards from Postcards.com at a cost of \$27.75 per 25 cards. The group discussed when to send cards, and to whom, and decided a sympathy card will be sent to all USI retirees whose spouses die, or to the families of retirees who pass away. Chris moved we purchase a set of cards, Yvonne seconded, motion carried. Chris will purchase the cards and be reimbursed by the Council.

Michael reported that Steve Bridges has spoken with the Provost and the library staff and that any retirees needing to use the library databases should be able to continue to access them after retirement.

Michael reported that Mary Alice Bertram offered to assist Chris in calling retirees who do not use email, in order for them to stay current on retiree activities. Sherrienne stated we continue to update the retirees' directory regularly.

We discussed several options for USI retirees sponsored activities, including the possibility of attending a dress rehearsal in New Harmony, prior to the opening of one of the theater productions. Sara mentioned the theater likes to have an audience for the dress rehearsal; Sherrienne will look into this, mentioning we might consider scheduling an after-the-play event in New Harmony.

Jim reported on plans for a canoe trip on June 7th (rain date June 9th), to one of the old stripper pits in Lynnville park, noting it would be easy paddling for 2 ½ miles, taking about 1 ½ to 2 hours. Jim will reserve the canoes with Wesselmans at a cost of \$20/person, payable the day of the trip. The trip will begin at 9:30 a.m. and requires at least 10 paid people in order to get the canoes. Details will be sent to retirees at a later date and reservations will go through Sara. Yvonne mentioned the Mystic Winery is also in Lynnville, and Sherrienne offered to contact the winery to see if we can coordinate an after-canoeing lunch.

Ginger reported on the cost of an outing to an Otters baseball game. After discussion, the group determined it would be best to support the Alumnae Services-sponsored evening at the Otters, rather than holding a separate event for retirees.

Sherrienne promoted the Alumnae Services USI day at Churchhill Downs on May 14. Retirees are welcome to join alumnae attending the event at a cost of \$37/person. Sara will request promotional information from the alumnae office in order for Michael to email the information to retirees.

Michael reported HR is negotiating with CONCERN to include retirees in the annual contract, but warned that the cost may be prohibitive.

