

Agenda 1/11/2019- Unocal Gulf Coast Alumni Club

In attendance – Board members: Jerry Lohr, Dale Putnam, Gary Najdowski, Ed Ruckstuhl and Ann Mathis. Meeting opened 7:30am at Sugar Land Town Center The Toasted Yoke Cafe.

- **Review and approve minutes from November 16th UGCAC Board Meeting: Motion was made, seconded and approved to accept the minutes as presented.**
- **Treasurer' s report: Dale discussed the unaudited results of the 4th qtr 2018, Twelve Months Ended 12/31/2018, a Christmas Dinner Summary and finally a comparison of revenues and expenses between 2018 and 2017. There was a slight positive result for the quarter and virtually no change in the cash balance for the year ended 2018. The bank balance as of yearend as well as 1/11/2018 was/is \$6,196.48.**
- **Audit Activity: Dale advised that the audit of UGCAC financial activities is scheduled to take place on Saturday, February 2nd at 2 pm; and accordingly, Jerry Lohr should appoint Dorothy Saka and Tom McClung as auditors for 2018. Motion was made, seconded and approved to appoint Dorothy and Tom as the Club' s auditors for 2018.**
- **Approval of P.O. Box cost change: Dale advised that the Club needs to renew the Post Office box fee for 2019; the new rate is \$102 for the year which is an increase of \$8 over 2018. Motion was made, seconded and approved to renew of the Club' s Post Office box for 2018.**
- **Membership Update: Gary advised that paid membership for 2019 is 138 and that our membership drive needs to continue as we are about half way through in terms of getting to the 2018 paid membership number of 260. There was some discussion about how best to reach out to the membership whether it is a President' s letter or a newsletter as well as the method as to how to contact members, i.e., physical mailings or emails. Gary advised that we have an email for all of our members so no one is being left out in terms of updates.**
- **February Meeting Update: Gary advised that we will have a Rodeo style menu at RBCC for the Club' s lunch next month.**
- **Approve gift cards: Dale suggested that we buy three gift cards at \$25 each. Motion was made, seconded and approved to buy three gift cards.**

- **Choose topic for meeting from Houston Livestock Show and Rodeo speaker' s bureau list. Additional Jeopardy game option: Jerry opened discussion regarding which topic might be of interest to the membership. The topics suggested were:**

- 1. It's Rodeo Time in H Town - mission of the rodeo & the 4 pillars- Agriculture, Education, Entertainment and Western Heritage.**
- 2. Farm to Table - Agriculture as the Backbone of our Economy**
- 3. The Cowboy Way - our rich Western Heritage**
- 4. Houston Livestock Show and Rodeo: Yesterday, Today and Tomorrow**
- 5. RodeoHouston TM: The Experience**
- 6. Western Heritage - cattle drives & trail rides**

After some discussion it was decided to go with #6. Jerry will try and secure a speaker on the trail ride topic. Gary advised that the Club needs to send the lunch invite out this weekend and that we could simply say that our speaker will be a representative from the Rodeo. Jerry will advise.

- **Future speaker options for 2019: After a brief discussion, Dale suggested that we consider Travel opportunities; Jerry asked Dale to cultivate and explore in terms of potential speakers and topics.**
- **South Texas Area activities and UGCAC-chapter health and outreach efforts: Among other items, Jerry advised that the Metropolitan Chapter has successfully started having satellite luncheons at Spring Creek BBQ locations. The Hill Country Chapter has instituted a rotational lunch locale. There was some discussion whether or not our Chapter would benefit from a similar imitative; Gary suggested that we wouldn' t as our demographics are not similar.**
- **Chapter newsletter formatting: Jerry opened discussion about whether or not our Chapter should create a newsletter; he cited and provided examples of other chapter newsletters some may use Constant Contact. Gary advised that if we were to try and use Constant Contact, that the Chapter would need guidance as to how to accomplish it. Jerry thought that Glen Erwan may be of help. No decisions were made.**
- **Next meeting date: Friday March 22nd.**

Meeting was adjourned around 9am

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