

Agenda 11/15/2019- Unocal Gulf Coast Alumni Club

In attendance – Board members: Jerry Lohr, Dale Putnam, Gary Najdowski and Ed Ruckstuhl. Meeting opened 7:30am at Kelley's Country Cooking.

- **Review and approve minutes from May 3rd UGCAC Board Meeting: Motion was made, seconded and approved to accept the minutes as presented.**
- **Treasurer' s reportDale discussed the third quarter results as well as the nine months ended 9/30/2019; the ending balance at 9/30/2019 was \$5,966.06. The reconciled cash balance as of 10/31/2019 was \$5,954.09. Cash balance as of 11/13/2019 is \$6,284.05. Motion was made, seconded and approved to accept the Treasurer' s report as presented.**
- **Membership Update: Gary advised that the total paid membership for 2019 was 268; for 2020, so far we have 37 but we have just started the 2020 membership drive.**
- **September Luncheon feedback and lessons learned:**
 1. **Feedback on content and presentation: So far we don' t have any feedback on the presentation or the video from the membership. Gary advised that the Pedestal needs its own table and the videographer needs a table for set up. Not much of the presentation shown on the screen from the projector was videoed; it was hard enough to see what was appearing on the screen with the naked eye let alone to try to video it. Sound was adequate. May need to use Jerry' s projector.**
 2. **Video arrangements and publication. Website activity for presentation. First video is on the Gmail website (9.8GB of 15GB used); Houston Metropolitan chapter uses YouTube, Gary will contact the Houston Chapter to learn how to share a presentation using You Tube.**
- **First quarter luncheon speaker options: Benefits update with Bill Dodge, chair of the CRA Benefits Committee. Feedback from Hill Country Chapter on key member issues. Jerry suggested Bill Dodge make a presentation on benefits perhaps in September prior to the enrollment period. It was also mentioned that some retirees are experiencing long delays with the Via Benefits telephone call and completing the interview in a timely manner. Another potential speaker could be someone from the Rodeo in February; Jerry will get a list of potential Rodeo topics. Ed suggested someone from the travel industry again.**

- Possible topics for second and third 2020 luncheons. **See above suggestions.**
- Next year' s dates for Chapter quarterly meetings and Board breakfast meetings:**The dates for our quarterly meetings have been set as follows: Lunches on Thursdays - February 6th, May 7th and September 17th; and dinner on Wednesday December 9th. The breakfast meeting dates are all on Friday mornings at 7:30 at Kelly' s Country Cookin' on January 24th, April 24th, September 11th and November 13th.**
- December meeting format, election and door prizes: **After a brief discussion it was decided that format / schedule would be as follows: 4:30 to 5:30 – Social hour, 5:30 to 6:30 – Dinner, 6:30 to 6:45 – Annual elections, 6:45 to 7:30 – Door prizes. Dale advised that he would shop at Specs for the door prizes. Gary will call Dot Mitchell regarding rodeo tickets. Dale suggested that the Board provide a gift to Dot as a thank you for all the prior year' s rodeo tickets. Jerry offered to provide two bottles of wine (red & white) as a thank you. Dale also suggested that we have someone take pictures of the members as they enter the holiday event similar to what was done a couple of years ago; the problem is finding someone to be the photographer.**
- Chapter newsletter review- reactions and options: **So far we don' t have any reactions to our Chapter Newsletter. There was a general discussion regarding the Newsletter and it was decided that in the first quarter of next year that we would send out a survey on the Newsletter, videos and Benefits. It was decided not to try and track when emails are read or when an attachment is opened due to the required use of third party applications.**
- South Texas Area news
 1. Chapter status: **Jerry advised that our Chapter remains strong. The Houston Chapter is experiencing some decline namely the Texaco legacy not participating. The Orange Chapter is doing well and has included Port Arthur.**
 2. Luncheon meetings, topics and trends: **Jerry advised that Herb Farrington will probably be nominated again as President of the CRA.**

Determine next UGCAC Board meeting date: **January 24th**

Meeting was adjourned around 8:30 am

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