

Agenda 1/17/2020 - Unocal Gulf Coast Alumni Club

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

- Review and approve minutes from November 15, 2019 UGCAC Board Meeting: **Motion was made, seconded and approved to accept the minutes as presented.**
- Treasurer' s report **Dale briefed the Board on the fourth quarter results, year-end results, a comparison between 2019 vs 2018 and a comparison of Christmas dinner results between 2019 and 2018.**
 - Approval of payment of P O Box at same rate as last year: **Dale advised that if payment is made before 1/26/2020 the amount owed is \$102 which is the same as the 2019 payment otherwise the amount due would be \$118. Motion was made, seconded and approved to pay the \$102 before 1/26/2020.**
 - Appointment of auditors for audit of 2019 financial accounts – Dorothy Saka and Tom McClung: **Motion was made, seconded and approved to appoint Dorothy and Tom as auditors.**
 - Approval of payment to RBCC for missing table centerpiece - \$150: **After some discussion, motion was made, seconded and approved to approve payment of \$150 to RBCC. Dale will show as an additional expense for our Christmas dinner.**
- **Membership Update: Gary advised that the total members who have already paid to date are 119; the total 2019 paid count was 263.**
- Chapter luncheons:
 1. February luncheon coordination with Houston Livestock Show and Rodeo- logistics and door prizes:

- Gary advised that he hasn't heard anything yet from Marilyn Kulay from the Rodeo's speaker bureau; Jerry advised that he would send her a note. Gary will record the presentation to share with members not attending.
 - Dale requested approval to buy 3 \$25 gift cards for the lunch. Motion was made, seconded and approved to buy the cards.
2. May and September meeting topics-benefits with Bill Dodge and/or financial planning topics: After some discussion it was decided that serious consideration would be given to asking Bill Dodge to make a presentation in May and having either Louis K (spelling) from Morgan Stanley or Gene Williams from Merrill Lynch to discuss financial planning at the September meeting.
- Chapter newsletter first quarter-content and publishing date:
 - Gary advised that the next Newsletter is scheduled to be issued in February. Jerry will provide an updated "President's Message" and information on his boat building activities for the "Members Corner" segment. Both Ann & Ed will also provide information on their respective "Corner" segments.
 - Jerry & Gary briefly discussed the possibility of tracking which members are opening up the Newsletters. This would involve utilizing special software which is attached to the document and may alert the user that they're being tracked. Jerry will determine if other chapters are tracking use of pertinent documents.
 - CRA Communications distribution for Encore, Tidbits etc. There was some discussion as to how to spread the news like the topics addressed in the "Ask Aunt Edna" series. The Board wasn't sure if a retiree has to sign up to receive the Aunt Edna emails; it was decided to explore ways to "spread the news" whether with the website or other means. This area needs further discussion.
 - Results from CAN USMCA action request: Jerry, advised that CAN asked for help in influencing legislators on the USMCA issue. It ended up passing easily. We are now working on a severance tax issue in Pennsylvania where the

regulators intend to increase severance taxes through some fancy double dipping tax rules.

- Monitoring members accessing online resources: See above under Chapter Newsletter, second point.
- Chapter succession planning and reconstituting the nominations committee: Jerry advised that Jack Schanck has resigned as the chair of the nominating committee so we need to try and fill his vacancy.
- South Texas Area Activities- Midyear Meeting, communications, coordinating member recruiting with Houston Metro Chapter:
 - Jerry and Gary briefly discussed the member list provided by Glenn Ewan for the purpose of recruiting new members. Gary advised that the list had 484 individuals; 124 of them were identified as either a current member, an inactive member, surviving spouse of a former member, or a deceased member. Gary has contacted Glen to try and “clean up” the list but hasn’t heard back from Glenn yet. Three prior attempts to solicit members met with minimal results but with the “neighborhood lunches” being offered by the Metro Chapter there appears to be an opportunity to make a limited solicitation based on geography and proximity to these lunches. Gary and Jerry will discuss further with Glenn.
 - Jerry encouraged Board members to participate on committees at the annual meeting which will be held in early May in Denver. Jerry will be attending the Mid-Year meeting in San Mateo CA next week.

Determine next UGCAC Board meeting date: April 24th. There was some discussion regarding other venues like “Another Broker Egg” near Costco and “Skeeters” near the First Colony Mall on Lexington Ave.

Meeting was adjourned around 9:00 am

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