

NMSU Pioneers Board Meeting
Wednesday, September 20, 2017, 10:00 a.m.
Alumni Center

- I. Call to Order
President Denise Welsh called the meeting to order at 10:04 a.m.

- II. Review and approval of June 14, 2017 Minutes
Rosemarie Sanchez moved to accept the minutes, and Debbie Widger seconded the motion. The minutes were approved.

- III. Treasurer's Report
Conrad Keyes reported via speakerphone that the Pioneers general account as \$2,532.92 as of September 6, 2017, and the Book Scholarship has \$2,112.25. A clarification will be made on the general account to show that the expense on August 8 was for the Pioneers luncheon held on June 14. Warren Noland moved to accept the report, and Emmit Brooks seconded the motion. The report was approved.

- IV. New Board Member's Discussion
Dianna Gibson listed the proposed new Board members: Anna Chieffo, Anna Price, Lavona Ewing, Nancy Vehstedt, and Melchor Ortiz. Gregg Throneberry moved to accept the new members, and Rosemarie Sanchez seconded the motion. The five new members were approved.

- V. NMSU Pioneers Fall Luncheon
The luncheon will be held at the NMSU Golf Course on Wednesday, November 15, 2017. The program will be a presentation coordinated by Martha Andrews on the Unrest of the 70's given by Mark Medoff, Michael Swickard, and Ken Hammond. Denise will obtain the biographical outlines of the presenters and a description of the presentation for the newsletter. She will also confirm the number of microphones needed.

There was a discussion of the cost per person. In addition to the cost of the food at \$13, there is a room rental and equipment fee of \$357. The goal is to charge an amount to cover the cost of the luncheons to make them self sustaining. It was determined that \$20 may be enough, depending on attendance. Conrad Keyes moved to charge \$20 with a second by Rosemarie Sanchez. The motion passed.

The entire board will function as greeters at the luncheon. It is hoped that the five new members will all be able to attend to assist and to be introduced.

- VI. Benefits Update
Toni Lavor, Acting Benefits Director, and Deb Widger, Retiree Representative on the Insurance Committee, gave the report. Toni reported that the recommendations for the 2018 plan year for the retiree insurance have been made and accepted. There will be a slight increase of 6 percent for both the Preferred Provider plan and the Medicare supplemental plan. A town meeting will be held in the middle of November. Letters to all retirees will go out the first part of October.

VII. Spring 2018 Luncheon

It was decided to hold future luncheons on Tuesdays or Thursdays. After a discussion of possible locations, it was decided to continue the subject at the January Board meeting when the experience of the November lunch can be evaluated. The dates of March 6 or 13 are possibilities. The student groups will be the program so they will be contacted to determine their availability. A list of student groups from all the colleges will be developed for use for future luncheons.

VIII. Future 2018 Board Meetings & Lunches

The next Board meeting will be on January 22, 2018, at 10 a.m. This will be in the newsletter. Dianna Gibson will contact all the new members to give them this information. Locations for the summer barbeque were discussed. Special invitations will be made to the Provost and Chancellor to attend both the luncheons and the summer barbeque to hear the student presentations.

The homecoming schedule was passed out by Leslie Cervantes and Danielle Gibbs from the Advancement Office.

IX. Denise Welsh adjourned the meeting at 11:02 a.m.