

USI Retirees Coordinating Council Meeting
10 – 11 a.m., Saturday, March 21, 2026
Griffin Center

Members Present: Christy Baker, Larry Back, Terri Branson, Jeri Burger, Craig Ehlen, Janet Johnson, and Charmaine McDowell.

Approval of Council Minutes– The minutes were approved as submitted by Teri Branson & Christy Baker

Treasurer's Report – Craig Ehlen: Copies of the Treasurer's Report were provided & approved as submitted.

President's Report – Charmaine

- ***Vintage Times – Winter/Spring 2026*** –Charmaine shared the process of getting the publication completed and work with the printing office. Options for distributing the newsletter were discussed. The decision was made to continue mailing the newsletter due to lack of access to retirees' email addresses.
- **Foundation Luncheon** – The foundation luncheon has over seventy reservations and President Bridges will be present.
- **Scholarship Awards** Scholarship awards have been made to the following recipients.
 - Baker, Catalina 000672558, GR, University Division
 - Huck, Ryan 000657402, GR, School of Graduate Studies
 - Lovell, Logan 000704281, UG
 - Shoultz, Samantha 000702946, UG, Registrar's Office

Upcoming Events – The following events have been planned.

- **Shaw Lecture – April 15**
- **Minka House Tour/Presentation – June 3**, lunch at Los Bravos (Westside)
- **NOT Back to School Lunch – August 11 – Turoni's on Main**
- **Evansville Museum/Lunch? – October (date?)**- Christy Baker is securing a date.
- **Annual Meeting – November 19 – Location?** (A request has been made. The facility will let us know closer to the event date.)

Old Business

- **Letters to new retirees (sent by Linda Tribble in December)**
- **Foundation events**
 - **Founders' Day** – The Foundation staff are rethinking the current Founder's Day format and timing. Options for frequency and format are being examined.

- **Discussion of Special Events for Retirees in 2027-** Charmaine asked the group to begin thinking about possibilities for 2027. It was decided that the group would continue to have the “Not Back to School” event for both Fall and Spring.

New Business

- **Name tags for retirees (suggestion from Terri Branson)** – The group discussed the advantages of using name tags for retirees. Items such as cost and where the tags would be stored were discussed.
- **Committees** – The Council will examine the committee structure at the next meeting. If changes are made it will involve updating the By-laws.
 - **Special Events**
 - **Nominating**
 - **Membership**
- **Vintage Times – Summer/Fall 2026** – Charmaine requested the group submit items for the upcoming Newsletter.
- **Location of Annual Meeting** – The group discussed options for changing locations for the Annual Meeting. A decision was made to continue to use City View if it is available. Location, parking etc. meet the needs of the group.

Other Business

- **List of Coordinating Council Members-** Charmaine will send an email asking council members to update their contact information.
- **Calendar of Events**

Next Meeting – May 21, 2026, 2:00 p.m., Griffin Center

Adjournment

UPCOMING 2026 USI RETIREES’ COORDINATING COUNCIL MEETINGS

May 21, 2026 – 2:00 p.m.

July 23, 2026 – 2:00 p.m.

September 17, 2026 - 2:00 p.m.

November 19, 2026 (Annual Meeting)