

USI Retirees Coordinating Council Meeting Minutes

Griffin Center

9/18/2025

Call to Order

President Linda Trible called the meeting to order at 3:00

Members Present: Christy Baker, Terri Branson, Jeri Burger, Janet Duncan, Craig Ehlen, Sandy Hatfield, Charmaine McDowell, Linda Trible & Taylor Gogel (Foundation Liaison)

Approval of Minutes from July 17, 2025 – Minutes were approved with the addition of the names of Larry Back & Janet Johnson as new members.

Treasurer's Report as of August 31, 2025 – Craig Ehlen

Craig Ehlen provided electronic and printed copies of the Treasurer's Report. Craig noted that members sometimes pay dues in May and June which may result in members presuming they have paid dues for the next fiscal year. Summary of Treasurer's report below:

Fund Balance July 1 2025	\$6,242.09
Income from Membership Dues (38X\$20)	\$ 760.00
Expenditure (credit card fees)	(.48)
Fund Balance as of August 31, 2025	\$7,001.61

President's Report

- **Not Back to School Lunch** – Turoni's-August 12 – Linda noted that the event had a great turnout. Turoni's set up smaller group tables resulting in members being able to mix and mingle better. Several new members were present.
- **Founders Day** – The format and venue for this year's event was changed. The event was a reception rather than the usual luncheon format with displays showing the history of USI. Unfortunately, the event was poorly attended. Taylor shared that this event will be reevaluated for next year.
- **Website** -There is an ongoing effort to update the Organization's website. Work continues-Membership form, officers listed, upcoming events, award recipients, history, and minutes.
- **Fall Scholarships** – Information has been requested from John Babernish. A list of eligible recipients will be generated. A random selection formula will be used to identify who receives the awards.
- **2026 Council Membership & Elections**
Council: **Leaving** – Linda Trible & Sandy Hatfield
New Members-Janet Johnson & Larry Back
Officers: **President** – Charmaine McDowell
President-Elect-Terri Branson
Past President – Jeri Burger
Secretary-Christy Baker

Treasurer – Craig Ehlen

Old Business

- **Upcoming Events – Planned by Charmaine & Terri**
 - **New Harmony Tour/Lunch – October 8**, the tour will begin at 10:00, free with a USI ID, \$10 for spouse, lunch will be at Casa Armonia, Heidi Doss & Terri Branson will be the tour guides. Members were encouraged to make reservations ASAP.
 - **Annual Meeting** - November 20, Location will be City View; Jim Bandoli & group have agreed to provide music.
 - **University Events**
Inauguration – Steve Bridges; October 16, 10:30am-12:00pm, members were encouraged to attend.

New Business

- **Vintage Times** – Linda and Sherri Ann Standley/Linda Cleek are working on a USI 60th Anniversary special edition of the newsletter.
- **Committees**
 - **Nominating** – The Council reviewed the membership status of the Coordinating Council. The council accepted the proposed slate of officers and new members provided.
 - Membership** - No Report

Other Business

Next Meeting – November 20, 2025 City View

Adjournment

Upcoming Retiree Organization Council Meetings

Thursday, November 20, 2025, 2:00 p.m., Before the annual meeting

Thursday, November 20 – Annual Meeting, City View

Respectfully Submitted
Cynthia Christy Baker, Secretary