Wright State University Retirees Association (WSURA)
Annual Meeting Summary
June 7, 2013

Board members present: Gary Pacernick, Gary Barlow, Abe Bassett, Marlene Bireley, Sally Clayton, Donna Curtin, Mary Gromosiak, Amy Hopkins, Mary Kenton, Leone Low, Gerri Petrak, Lew Shupe, Carol Stevenson, Bob Wagley, Gail Whitaker and Paul Wolfe

Absent: Peggy Bott, Rich Johnson, Blair Rowley, Judy Rose and Jim Sayer

President Pacernick called the meeting to order. The minutes from the May 1 meeting were unanimously approved.

President Pacernick said he has enjoyed his time in office and is very appreciative of the support he received from the members during his term. Abe Bassett will assume the presidency at the end of this meeting. Gary ended by reciting these lovey words from one of his favorite poems, a passage from Walt Whitman's,

Song of Myself:

"I celebrate myself, and I sing myself,
And what I assume, you shall assume,
For every atom belonging to me as good, belongs to you.

Everyone applauded with appreciation, and a few audience members added their "own" original poems, such as the one from Gary Barlow:

"Roses are Red,
Violets are Blue,
Gary did a good job….
And we did, too!"

Not to be outdone, Carol Stevenson shared her words of wisdom:

"Roses are Red,
Violets are Blue,
Yes, Gary was good…
But now he's through!"

(and a fun time was had by all!)

Vice-president, Abe Bassett, announced the next meeting of the SOCRATES CAFE will be held on Thursday, June 13, 1:00 – 3:00 pm at the Temple Beth on Bigger and Rahn roads.

COMMITTEE REPORTS
Treasurer, Carol Stevenson distributed the year-end Treasurer's Report, dated June 7, 2013. Carol pointed out two questionable postage charges on the university reports, and said she is going to check into them further for clarification since they are both unusual. One for $3.18 appeared on the WSURA university's Unallocated General Fund report - showing a postage charge used in April, but it was not reported until May; the second one, a larger charge for a bulk mailing in the amount of $418.16 is also questionable. She said these two charges need to be clarified. Gail Whitaker will take over the treasurer position during the coming year. Marlene Bireley said name tags have been purchased but the cost has not yet been posted.

Historical Preservation, Lou Shupe is in the process of scheduling interviews with various individuals who have long been associated with Wright State. They include Juanita Wehrle-Einhorn, former Director of Affirmative Action and WOW (Wright State Organization for Women); Lorraine Wagley and Marilyn Willis regarding The Women's Club; and possibly Craig Willis, the first Dean of University College. Other potential interviewees are Steve Simon, Jeff Vernooy (Disability Services,) and Carl Simms (Security).

Activities Chair, Mary Gromosiak seeks permission to spend a modest amount for postage to inform retirees, who do not receive e-mails, about upcoming WSURA activities. The last group trip to the Carew Towers and the American Sign Language Museum in Cincinnati was pleasant. Luncheon at the The Netherland Plaza restaurant was excellent. Everyone seemed to enjoy themselves and found the museum very interesting. Mary also announced the upcoming *Create Your Own Fiesta* event on August 24 at 4:00 at her home. She will send an invitation outlining the details to everyone soon.

Scholarship Chair, Paul Wolfe said he still needs to receive the list of scholarship applicants. He also needs help to evaluations the applications. Mary Kenton and Gail Whitaker both volunteered to help with the evaluation process.

Athletic Council Liaison, Mary Kenton reported she attended the last council meeting in April.   The big issue on the table is the future status of the Horizon League. Efforts are being made to recruit Oakland University to replace Butler University. It was good to hear WSU Athletics, overall, are in good shape.

Bob Wagley announced that there is going to be an alumni basketball game coming up between former WSU and UD players. As soon the date is set, the details will be sent to retirees.

Library Liaison, Gary Barlow asked the group for their ideas for workshops they would enjoy for the coming year.   Last year's workshop on genealogy was successful. He pointed out that WSURA is
required to make deposits to the university archives every two years Among the documents that need to be sent over are copies of our meeting minutes and copies of our Extension newsletters. It was also suggested that a copy
our current handbook is included.

OTHER BUSINESS
Marlene announced the Annual WSU Retirees Picnic is today, and will start in the Garden of Senses following today's meeting. She encouraged everyone to go and enjoy!

The final order of today's business was "passing of the gavel" from President Gary Pacernick to the incoming president, Abe Bassett. To make his appointment "official", in closing, Abe recited his own, original poetry:

"Roses are Red,
Violets are Blue,
These two guys,
Are happy too!

NEW BUSINESS
President Abe Bassett appointed Amy Hopkins to be WSURA'S official Webmaster. A high priority for the new year is to upgrade the look and content of our web site. He said the cost of the Dreamweaver software and a manual could approach $200. He asked for a motion to approve the expenditure:

> LEONE LOW MOVED AUTHORIZATION TO SPEND UP TO $200 TO PURCHASE DREAM WEAVER SOFTWARE AND THE ACCOMPANING MANUAL; THE MOTION WAS SECONDED BY GARY BARLOW, AND THE MOTION CARRIED UNANIMLOUSLY.

Abe called a special meeting on Tuesday July 2 for the purpose of setting this year's priorities and objectives. He proceeded by asking each board member to email their ideas to him before the July 2 meeting to assist with this effort. He also plans to create a master calendar of events for next year to help keep everyone informed about our activities.

NEXT MEETING
Please mark your calendars: the next WSURA board meeting will be held in the COLA Conference Room, on Tuesday, July 2 at 10:00 a.m.

The meeting was adjourned.

Submitted by,

Donna Curtin
WSURA Board Secretary