

Minutes of the June 20, 2007 Meeting

of the

Wright State University Retirees Association Board of Directors

Present: Leone Low, Marlene Bireley, Gerry Petrak, Lou Falkner, Carol Stevenson, Peggy Bott, Gary Barlow, Ken Davenport, Lew Shupe, Alice Swinger, James Kane, June Ovington, James Uphoff, Chuck Willis, Joanne Risacher, John Ray

Chuck Willis, outgoing president, presided. Marlene Bireley moved that the election results be received, Gerry Petrak seconded. Unanimous approval. It was moved by Lou Falkner that Gerry continue as Membership Chair and that June Ovington continue as Sunshine Chair, seconded by Marlene. Unanimous approval. The minutes of the previous meeting were approved. New members Carol Stevenson and Peggy Bott were introduced.

Lou Falkner reported for treasurer Nick Davis that the university fund contained \$678.45 and that the dues fund contained \$7468.12 because of the increase in membership.

Communications coordinator and *Extension* editor Marlene Bireley requested materials for the next *Extension* by August 1.

John Ray, Bylaws and Elections co-chair, reported that the elections were complete.

Historical Preservation chair Lew Shupe reported that the oral interviews are going quite well, and a group interview is being considered. Interviews with Marc Low and Al Smith have been completed. Bob Wagley's interview of Bob Dolphin had background noise. Bill and Cynthia King and John and Mirka ray will be interviewed in the future. Nick Piediscalzi is willing to be interviewed. Carl Becker and Joyce Mouse were suggested as future interview subjects. The new librarian in charge of the oral history project has a more flexible approach than the former person.

Lou falkner, OCHER representative, said that HB 151 required that the retirement systems divest all interests in companies doing business in Iran and Sudan. STRS opposed this because doing so would violate their fiduciary duty. However, slow divestiture is being considered. HB 152 would allow all those covered by the state retirement systems opt for a defined contribution plan. It is estimated that the systems would lose 15,000 active contributors and result in potential cash flow problems. Those requesting the option would not have disability or survivor benefits, or retiree health care. The current health care future funding problems continue.

June Ovington reported that she will assist Gerry with the picnic arrangements and the drawing for the plants. Of the 90 invited anniversary retirees, 63 accepted.

Joanne Risacher said that the year's activities are being planned. Some of the events being considered are attending a theater performance with pizza or a dinner afterwards, a Sunday brunch in January, attendance at a basketball game, Dayton Art Institute and other suggestions. Some of those in the meeting suggested another luncheon with one or both basketball coaches, another wine, cheese and poetry evening, visits to a Cincinnati Reds game, the Underground Railroad Museum, a Cincinnati Garden event, the Cincinnati Art Museum, and a racetrack.

Chuck Willis reported for Barbara Eakins-Reed that a scholarship recipient had been chosen. An announcement will be made when the university releases such information.

Ken Davenport announced that his real estate business makes it necessary for him to resign as Athletic Council representative. The bylaws are being revised to restructure membership terms. This will allow more continuity.

Old business

Lou Shupe reported that the library is planning a "Blast from the Past" from 7 to 9 pm on October 20 as part of the 40th Anniversary Celebration. They will have photo exhibits, etc., celebrating each decade. The retirees will invite members to dessert and coffee from 6 to 7 pm. The presidential plaque will be dedicated. Leone Low moved, June Ovington seconded the motion that up to \$1000 be spent for the event.

The meeting was adjourned to attend the annual picnic.