

## Wright State University Retirees Association Board of Directors

### November 2, 2011 Minutes

Present: James Uphoff, Gary Pacernick, Amy Hopkins, Abe Bassett, Paul Wolfe, Chuck Willis, Mary Gromoziak, Marlene Bireley, Don Swanson, Lew Shupe, Rich Anderson, Carole Stevenson, Mary Kenton, Gail Whitaker, Bob Wagley, Gerry Petrak, Judy Rose, Peggy Bott, Gary Barlow, Leone Low

The minutes of the previous meeting were approved.

President James Uphoff announced that OCHER representative Lou Falkner resigned. The e-mail list will be updated.

President Elect Gary Pacernick read a poem of his own "It is time to retire but not from life" that will be published in *The Extension*.

Treasurer Carole Stevenson presented the following report:

WSU Retirees Association

Treasurer's Report

November 2, 2011

190000/218406

WSU Retirees Association Unallocated General Fund

October, 2011 Activity

992445/218406

WSURA-WSU Retirees Association

October, 2011 Activity

University fund

Balance September, 2011 \$4,802.27

October Activity -884.56

Balance October 31, 2011 \$3,917.71

Dues fund

Balance September, 2011 \$10,355.71

October Activity +20.00

Balance October 31, 2011 \$10,375.71

Activity Summary:

Student Payroll 10/6 71.41

Student Payroll 10/20 74.00

Office Supplies

Printer Ink 10/3 23.99

Health Fair Expenses

Carol Stevenson 10/12 54.18

Prtg. Serv. Banner 10/5 77.00

OCHER Dues 10/5 100.00

Printing Services  
The Extension 10/5 237.75  
Telephone  
Long Distance 10/4 1.00  
Telephone  
Local/Information 10/4 .24  
Postage  
The Extension 10/5 35.34  
The Extension 10/5 209.65  
Total Expenses \$ 884.56

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Activity Summary:  
Dues (2 annual) 20.00  
Total Income \$ 20.00  
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The above was sent in a different format, but it translated this way.

Secretary Leone Low asked that those giving detailed reports send digital (E-mail) copies. Also, those arriving late should check after the meeting to verify that they are listed as present.

Amy Hopkins reported for Past President Peggy Bott that they are changing the E-mail addresses for the list serve. That address is WSU\_Retirees.

Communications Coordinator and *The Extension* editor Marlene Bireley said that the next deadline is Thanksgiving.

Activities: Chair Mary Gromoziak suggested other activities and that recent attendance has been good. Abe Bassett invited persons to attend the "Socrates Café" November 8 at the Universalist Unitarium (U.U.) Church on Yankee Street. Marlene said that she had to make a 50% deposit for the British Tea House tea on November 3.

By-laws and Elections Chair Judy Rose promised that she would check the status of Liaison Chairs and married couples' dues.

Historical Preservation Chair Lew Shupe announced that the library has oral interviews of all WSU past presidents on file. He will interview Don Brumbaugh this week and is trying to get Arlene Foley and Lois Cook to come in for interviews.

Membership Development Chair Gerry Petrak said that 4 students showed up from the Leadership Retreat at the Health Fair. She thanked the WSURA volunteers.

OCHER Representative Rich Johnson said that he would help out with the web site. He said that other WSURA members are welcome to attend OCHER meetings in Columbus with him.

Scholarship Committee Chair Paul Wolfe invited our recipient to be introduced and to attend lunch after the December meeting. He said that the student also wanted to attend the meeting. Twenty persons plan to attend the lunch at the Holiday Inn.

Sunshine Committee Chair Marlene Bireley announced that she sent condolence cards to the families of Kevin Smith, Paul Belcher, and Elmer "Bill" Tompkins.

Mary Kenton will investigate the date for the retirees' basketball game attendance. She sent a copy of her report that was given at our meeting, but my Dell computer could not download it. She also sent a report of the October meeting which follows.

> The Athletics Council met on October 28, 2011. Athletics Director Bob Grant introduced two members of his staff to discuss their work: Trevor Doll, Compliance Director and Jack Leopard, who is in charge of fund raising. Trevor came to Wright State three years ago from Ohio University, where he also worked in compliance. Trevor discussed the NCAA rules concerning boosters. Jack is a Beavercreek H.S. grad who played baseball for Wright State. He encourages gifts to come through the Raider Club with as few restrictions as possible.

AC Chair Larry Prochaska reported briefly on the Steering Committee. Judy Chivers reported for Academic Affairs about grade reports and the impact of the changes in APR reporting. Most of the other standing committees have not yet met and had nothing of record to report.

Steve Fortson, Faculty Athletics Representative, reported on the Executive Committee meeting in Indianapolis where Jon LeCrone, Horizon League Commissioner, was in attendance. Bob Grant talked about how the recent decision to award additional funds to those with full-tuition athletics scholarships will impact his budget. The Horizon voted against that change. The student athletes' organization (SAC) has several charitable events lined up for the holiday season.

Sr. Assoc. Athletics Director, Rod Perry, gave the fall sports report, highlighting men's and women's soccer and the Horizon League cross country championships in Cleveland.

Bob Grant talked briefly about the importance of upgrading and maintaining facilities, even in difficult economic times. Projects he would like to implement include an indoor hitting facility, a fix for the baseball drainage problem, and new tennis courts. Wright State will play basketball at Air Force on December 7. The only nominee for Vice Chair was Jeff John. He agreed to serve. A formal election will be held at the next meeting on January 26.

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Bob Wagley reported that 7 of 10 international scholars attended the WSURA reception. The meeting went well.

Library Liaison Gary Barlow announced a talk at the library on Monday, November 14. Gary arranged that this meeting be held in the library for the convenience of our speaker.

WSU librarian Sue Polenka presented a program on E-readers. She is also the President-Elect of the Academic Libraries Association of Ohio. Sue brought a stack of E-readers to the meeting, and these were examined by the attendees.

She emphasized that the technology is in the early stages of development, coordination, etc. New (and presumably better) devices are being introduced on a fairly regular basis.

The meeting was adjourned with thanks to the speaker.

The next meeting will be Wednesday, December 7, 2011 at 10 am in the regular meeting room.