

**Minutes of the September 7, 2011 Meeting of the Wright State University Retirees  
Association Board of Directors**

Present: Gary Pacernick, Gail Whitaker, Marlene Bireley, Gerry Petrak, Mary Gromoziak, Chuck Willis, Judy Rose, Don Swanson, Peggy Bott, Leone Low, Paul Wolfe, Lew Shupe, Jan Austen, Abe Bassett, Gary Barlow, Lou Falkner, Rick Johnson, Mary Kenton, Amy Hopkins, James Uphoff

As per the usual procedure the time allotted to the speaker is at the convenience of the speaker. Jan Austen described the capabilities of her 'Bea on the Go' travel business.

Approval of the August Minutes: Paul Wolfe moved, Lou Falkner seconded, the approval of the minutes. After some discussion, the words "as amended" were deleted with the consent of the August motions' original mover and the second. Motion passed. The June Minutes were also accepted.

#### Reports

President James Uphoff reported on the WSU basketball team's Italian trip, where they played professional teams. The audiences were respectful. The last game had the largest audience. The awards to the Leadership Workshop were announced. Copies of three E-mails were distributed.

Secretary Leone Low reported on her purchase of a farm adjacent to her family farm.

Treasurer Carole Stevenson had planned to distribute the final copy of the Finance Sub-Committee report but was unable to attend because her brother was having open heart surgery.

Marlene Bireley said that she and Abe attended the reception for former WSU faculty member Mary Ellen Mazey. She has been selected the Eleventh President of Bowling Green State University. Our student helper is working on *The Extension*.

Mary Gromoziak said that the retiree picnic at her home Saturday will begin at 2:30 PM. See *The Extension* for other activities including the British High Tea at the British Tea Room. This was followed by a discussion of E-mail and mailing lists for the Board, WSURA members, and all retirees.

Judy Rose said that she would be in touch about nominees as the election nears.

Lew Shupe said that an alum will interview Nick Piediscalzi. He would like to develop a procedure for other remote interviews. The Archives Staff has been so busy with the Dayton Daily News archives that there can't be any on-campus interviews. We need to set a time for the open house and to invite other retirees to come.

Gerry Petrak requested volunteers for the table at the Health Fair which is 10-2 on October 19. Amy Hopkins and Mary Kenton volunteered. We would like for the Scholarship recipient to be there for at least a short time. Rick Daniels will be contacted about the Leadership Workshop

recipients. We want to emphasize our membership activities, including the basketball game. We would like to have a drawing or two for a gift.

Rick Johnson reported that the next OCHER meeting will be later in September.

Paul Wolfe announced that the article about the annual scholarship recipient will be coming out in *The Extension*.

Sunshine Chair Marlene Bireley said that there were no deaths to announce. However, Alice Swinger was hospitalized for two weeks. She talked with Bea Davis about the Memorial Book for Nick Davis. Bea said that Nick would have liked for the book to be in an area of engineering.

Mary Kenton said that the Athletic Council will meet at the end of September.

FOL Liaison Gary Barlow said that librarian Sue Polanka has been invited to speak about E-books and other advances in technology. We will meet in the library. The date will depend on her availability. We would like to integrate her talk into the WSURA Activity schedule. Gary also handed out a sheet on Library resources.

Old Business and Announcements

Gerry Petrak requested snack and gift money for the Health Fair.

Paul Wolfe asked the University whether retiree funds could be put in an interest bearing account. The answer was "No".

Lou Falkner said that one should contact the Smithsonian website so that September 24 admissions to the Carillon, Underground Railroad, etc. will be free.

Amy Hopkins said that all WSU retirees can get a Wright State E-mail account.

Several moved to adjourn. The meeting adjourned.