

## Minutes of the December 6, 2006 Meeting

of the

### Wright State University Retirees Association Board of Directors

Present: Chuck Willis, Gerry Petrak, Barbara Eakins-Reed, Alice Swinger, Marlene Bireley, Judy Rose, Ken Davenport, Leone Low, Liz Harden, Lou Falkner, Abe Bassett, Nick Davis, Bob Wagley, John Ray

Guest: Mirka Ray

There was a clarification of the minutes of the previous meeting.

Officers' and Committee Reports:

President's Report: Chuck Willis announced that the meetings would return to the large Liberal Arts conference room for the rest of the year. He commended the work of the Activities Committee, The Extension, and Gerry's aggressive work on Membership Development.

President Elect's Report: Bob Wagley has inquired about the status of the Retirees participation in the 40th Anniversary Celebration and has offered WSURA's services. He asked whether he should find out if domestic partner's benefits for current staff, if any, are extended to retirees. He will check with Rich Johnson about how to identify such persons without breaking applicable privacy laws.

Treasurer Nick Davis reported that the letters to non member retirees had resulted in a substantial number of new memberships. This swelled the Dues Fund to \$5407.23. The University Fund amount is \$6971.75.

Bylaws and Election Committee Chair Judy Rose said that she needed candidates in order to prepare the spring election ballot. A discussion about possible candidates and ways to attract candidates followed. People very seldom volunteer. A board member asked how can we get across to potential candidates that it is the board members who have the most fun?

Historical Preservation Chair Lew Shupe sent a written report via Marlene Bireley. She said that he is working on photos for [www.libraries.wright.edu](http://www.libraries.wright.edu) for the 40th Anniversary. All the oral interviews are now on disc.

OCHER Committee Co-chairs Lou Falkner and Nick Davis reported on the November meeting. It was revealed that 27% of the State of Ohio budget goes to Medicaid. The State spends \$20,000+ per prisoner and only \$4000 per University student. The remainder of the session was a discussion on the retiree Health Care costs of the retirement systems.

Membership Development Chair Gerry Petrak distributed an extensive written report on the activities of her committee. Discussion followed.

Activities Committee Co-chair Abe Bassett said that there were 13 attendees at the most recent Gourmet Dinner. There is some discussion about changing the name and perhaps the day of the events from Thursday to Friday or Saturday. The next dinner will be hosted by the Carusones in March. The Play Reading requires a script (cost \$7).

The schedule of WSURA Activities is posted on the WSURA web site. Information about other events of interest should be sent to Lauren for posting on the web site. The Friends of the Library report said that the DoD is no longer funding the Cold War Project. The staff is working on the 40th Anniversary Celebration. Athletic Council Liaison Ken Davenport gave a report on the November 17 meeting of the Athletic Council. Mike Cusack presented the council with the Department's Strategic Plan. The Women's Soccer coach Pat Ferguson said that the team's record was 12-3-4 and was ranked #2 in the state behind Ohio State.

Old Business:

Marlene Bireley moved and Gerry Petrak seconded the motion that Up to \$250 be spent for a plaque honoring WSURA presidents. Passed.

Next Meeting: Wednesday, February 7, 10 AM in the Large LA Conference Room