

MINUTES OF THE WRIGHT STATE UNIVERSITY RETIREES ASSOCIATION BOARD OF DIRECTORS

MAY 4, 2011

PRESENT: Mary Kenton, Gail Whittaker, Gary Barlow, Abe Bassett, Bob Wagley, Peggy Bott, Marlene Bireley, Judy Rose, Leone Low, Chuck Willis, Rick Johnson, Gerry Petrak, Paul Wolfe, James Uphoff, Gary Pacernick, Lew Shupe, Carole Stevenson

President Peggy Bott announced that we have been invited to a luncheon with President and Mrs. David R. Hopkins in the Wright Brothers Room, E 154, Student Union from 11:30 a.m. – 1:00 p.m. on June 1. The Student Helper job was posted and two of the applicants are eligible for work study. Interviews will be scheduled.

Treasurer Carole Stevenson reported that there is \$1843.60 in the University Account, and it should last through the fiscal year. There is \$10505 in the Dues Account. The Athletic Department will be paid \$300, and \$360 will go to Take Flight, the student leadership organization.

Communications Coordinator and Extension Editor Marlene Bireley said that the new edition of the Directory was sent to the printer two weeks ago. She would like to finish the next issue of The Extension by May 20.

Activities Chair Abe Bassett is making arrangements for the next Socrates Café meeting.

Bylaws and Elections Chair Judy Rose would like to publish the results of the election in the next issue of The Extension. She would like some assistance with nominations from some of the newer retirees who know more of the new members. Gail Whittaker and Rich Johnson volunteered.

Historical Preservation Chair Lew Shupe said that the Oral History files are available on the internet and are being accessed.

Service and Membership Chair Gerry Petrak is working on planning picnics. She is working with Mary Gromesiak's September picnic for WSURA members. Marlene will check on the June picnic date and arrangements. Paul Wolfe suggested that we check our mailing list against the mailing list of the WSU Foundation before we send out invitations.

OCHER Representative Rich Johnson, Gerry Petrak, and Judy Rose attended the recent meeting. The main topic was the Governor's Education (or lack thereof) Proposal. There will be a meeting next week in Columbus.

Scholarship Chair Paul Wolfe wrote a solicitation letter. He is working with Kathy Busson on scholarship applications.

Sunshine Chair Marlene Bireley sent a note of consolation to the family of Terry Hall.

Athletic Council Co-Representative Chuck Willis reported that the Men's Basketball team will play some exhibition games in Italy. Funds will come from the \$150,000 (?) that they will

receive for playing OSU in Columbus. Mark Gazdik, Assistant Athletic Director for Marketing has been hired. A faculty member will be elected vice-chair at the next meeting. Cassandra Lloyd qualified for the 100 meter hurdles in the NCAA Championship Tournament.

FOL Representative Gary Barlow said that the Friends of the Library had its annual meeting. The "wish list" of books is being compiled by a librarian.

International Liaison Bob Wagley reported the Libyan students' funds have been cut off.

New Business

Marlene moved, Leone seconded, that WSURA buy an annual Legacy Book in honor of WSURA 2011 retirees, cost not to exceed \$150, with the motion to be reconsidered each year. After some discussion, an ad hoc **Budget Committee consisting of Gerry, Carole, Bob and Gail was appointed by President Bott and the motion was tabled. This will be Old Business** next meeting.

Speaker

Kathy Sayre, Director of Service Learning, spoke to us about her duties. She has been invited to write an article for The Extension. Some of the high points of her talk were cooperation with the Westwood Pre-K through 8 school, requests for faculty speakers and the Food Pantry for students. The last was of particular interest to the Board Members.

The meeting was adjourned.

The next meeting will be at 10 a.m. in the Liberal Arts Conference Room on
Wednesday, August 3, 2011.