

Minutes of the September 5, 2012 Board Meeting
of the Wright State University Retirees Association

Note: Apologies for being late. I exited I 675 at Exit 15 and found that the entrance to Colonel Glenn Highway was completely blocked. There was no choice but to park there until the cars ahead of me could move. Eventually they did. Thanks to Marlene for taking the beginning minutes. LYL

The minutes of the previous meeting were approved.

President, President-Elect, and Secretary: No report

Treasurer Carole Stevenson presented her report. The August 31 balances of the University fund were \$6,636.98 and Dues fund, \$10,746.16. She said that Bylaws chair Judy Rose (absent) suggested that we should promote the Patron Donor status. Marlene said that an article will be in the upcoming Extension. Several ideas about promotion were suggested. Abe Bassett suggested that a letter be sent to Life Members. President Gary Pacernick appointed an *ad hoc* Patron status committee: Gary Barlow (chair), Gary Pacernick, Peggy Bott, Gail Whitaker, Amy Hopkins.

Communications Coordinator Marlene Bireley said that The Extension had been sent to the printer, but it had not yet been mailed. The Retirees Office fall semester staffed hours are

M,F 1:30 pm-2:30 pm, W 10 am-11 am, T,TH 11 am-1 pm.

Immediate Past President James Uphoff is donating \$25 from sale of his Reds tickets to WSURA.

Activities chair Mary Gromosiak asked that those who plan to attend the Wilds trip let her know by September 25. Dr. Sayer will speak after the meeting today. There will be a Socrates Café meeting from 1 pm to 3 pm at Temple Beth Or (corner of E. Rahn and Marshall) on Tuesday, October 2. Tom and Helen Listerman will host a Dining In on December 2 from 11 am to 2 pm. Reserve your meal contribution early. There will be a Brunch on January 13. Tickets to the WSU Theater performance at 2 pm on February 3 will be available until January 1. Other future activities include dinner after the theater, a basketball game, a tour of athletic facilities, and the Presidential Lectures Series.

Historical Preservation Report. There was interest in volunteer opportunities in the Archives. Gary will inquire.

Membership chair Gerry Petrak said that the new WSURA brochures were delivered to Human Resources.

Rich Johnson submitted a written report on OCHER activities. He said that a voucher system for OPERS retirees' health care has been proposed.

Scholarship Chair Paul Wolfe sent a letter of thanks to donors. He will set up a time for the Board to have lunch with the scholarship recipients in November or December.

Sunshine Chair Marlene Bireley reported on the deaths of former dean Roger Iddings and philanthropist Dr. Shuster.

Liaison Mary Kenton said that the first Athletic Council meeting of the year was primarily organizational. The cost of the new turf for the baseball stadium is approximately \$1,000,000. There have been comments on the large turnover of the WSU men's basketball student athletes. She said that the national turnover rate has been reported to be approximately fifty percent.

Library Liaison Gary Barlow reported that this year's first meeting of the FOL will be in two weeks. He will obtain a schedule for volunteer times and special project opportunities.

International Liaison Bob Wagley has scheduled a meeting with visiting scholars. The international student population is growing rapidly, with 1000 enrolled this year. A question was asked if there was a need for used warm clothing for students on a limited budget.

New Business: Blair Rowley asked if discounts on computer software were available for retirees. President Gary Pacernick appointed Blair Rowley and Amy Hopkins to an *ad hoc* subcommittee to study the matter.

Meeting adjourned.

The Next Meeting will be in the LA Conference Room at 10am Wednesday,
October 3, 2012.