

## Wright State University Retirees Association Board Meeting, December 3, 2014

**Board members present:** Abe Bassett, Marlene Bireley, Donna Curtin, Mary Gromosiak, Rich Johnson, Mary Kenton, Gerry Petrak, Gary Pacernick, Gail Whitaker and Dick Williams

**Absent:** Gary Barlow, Peggy Bott, Elizabeth Harden, Leone Low, Judy Rose, Jim Sayer, Lew Shupe and Carol Stevenson

President-elect Dick Williams called the meeting to order at 10:00 am. He made a motion to approve the November 5 Board Minutes; it was seconded by Mary Kenton – THE MOTION WAS UNANIMOUSLY APPROVED BY A VOICE VOTE.

### OFFICERS REPORTS

**President, Jim Sayer** – no report (absent)

**Vice-President, Dick Williams** – reported on the initial plans for our upcoming spring banquet, the “1<sup>st</sup> Annual WSU Retirees’ Reunion, May 2015—Celebrating 15 years as a Service and Social Organization”:

- The luncheon is set for May 14 in the Nutter Center’s Berry Room, with guests arriving between 11-11:15 a.m. – the group will be asked to be seated at 11:30. In addition to check-in and name tags, the greeting table will have membership information, and attendees will be given opportunity to donate to the patron fund;
- Invitations will go out to all retirees, spouses & guests;
- Jim will welcome everyone and introduce our guest from the President’s Office (hopefully the Provost since the President will be on vacation); and, he will give a *pitch* on behalf of the capital campaign;
- Dawn Dewey will give a 15 minute presentation;
- Lunch will follow;
- Following the meal, Chris Wydman will give a 30 minute presentation on the University Archives-- during coffee & dessert. Some time will be set aside following the speaker to ask the audience for help identifying some past photos on display;
- Beginning around 1:45, more socializing will be encouraged, and individual photos will be taken;
- Snippets of *historical preservation interviews* may also be shown during social time;
- Dawn suggested giving guests a memento to take with them as a reminder of the event. The gifts will be on display as guests arrive—perhaps a magnet or a bookmark, was suggested;
- At some point, perhaps during Jim’s introduction, Abe may give a brief report on how retirees have been contributing to the university through outreach and collaborations.

**Past-President, Abe Bassett** – Abe commented there has been some difficulty in administering the web site; however, the *Extensions*, WSURA Board Minutes, Treasurer’s Report have all been added. Abe volunteered to continue overseeing the WSURA web site, again, next year—the job requires a lot of time and training, he commented. Everyone agreed he has done a great job!

**Secretary, Donna Curtin** – no report

**Treasurer, Gail Whitaker** – She reported our account balances as of Nov, 30, 2014: General Fund total, \$7,178.25; Dues Fund total, \$11,970.95. Some outstanding bills have not been paid; Jim will check into this concern. For some reason, there seems to be a communication problem

with the Budget Office. Gail has submitted the requests for payment, but she has not received a response. All orders must go through the budget person since Ryan Black left. Also, she hasn't been able to obtain pro cards from printing services. She will follow up by asking the Provost's office for help to resolve these issues. Everyone was given a copy of the Treasurer's Report and it will also be posted on the WSURA web site.

**Communications, Marlene Bireley** – She distributed a comparison report for printing costs from 5 local vendors: World Digital Imaging, WSU Printing Dept., Office Depot, The Corner Copy Shop and Fed-Ex. She said, if we want to continue the *Extension* as a color publication, WSU appears to be the best choice.

## COMMITTEES

### Activities - Mary Gromosiak

- The Miami University–vs-WSU basketball game is set for Sunday, Dec. 14—the Alumni Box, #218 is reserved for our use. The Alumni/Foundation Department is giving us a limited number of free tickets. Sixteen have confirmed to attend, so far; so if more are needed, we may need to also buy some. Snacks, sodas and water will be available for guests.
- The annual Dining Out Brunch is set for Sunday, January 11, 11:00 am. There will be a full buffet. Mary will send out a RSVP reminder closer to the date.
- Socrates' Café – discussions are held at 1:30 pm, the second Thursday of each month: mark your calendars for Thurs., Feb. 2, and Thurs. March 12, if you'd like to attend.

**By-laws and Elections, Judy Rose** – no report (absent)

**Historical Preservation, Lew Shupe** – no report (absent)

**Membership, Gerry Petrak** – She will be ordering 500 inserts to update the WSURA brochure from the WSU Printing Dept. She said they have not received a university credit card, which is needed to make purchases with outside vendors. She got a great price, however.

**OCHER, Rich Johnson** – He and Paul Wolfe were unable to attend the last meeting due to inclement weather. Dick Williams commented, under the new medical program, Express Scripts will be making changes on covering some medications beginning next year.

**Scholarship, Mary Kenton** – no report

**Sunshine, Peggy Bott (Marlene reported)** - Deaths: Joseph Albrecht , Associate Professor of Medicine died Nov. 3, and Charles Ryan, Director of Graduate Studies, CEHS, passed away on Nov. 7.

Rich Johnson expressed his appreciation for the cards and words of concern he received for his recent loss—the death of his very close friend and former spouse, Cindy Johnson.

## LIAISONS

**Athletic Council, Mary Kenton** – no report, since the Council did not meet in December.

**Foundation, Elizabeth Harden** – no report (absent)

**Friends of Library, Gary Barlow** – no report (absent)

**International, Bob Wagley** – He met with Stephen Foster regarding the lack of public transportation for visiting scholars--it is problematic, he said. There seems to be a communication breakdown with

finding out when new students arrive at WSU. He is working on finding a solution. He complemented Marlene for being very helpful with interacting with our foreign students. She recently escorted 7 of them to the Air Force Museum—and, Marlene said *it was fun!*

**Book Club, Peggy Bott** – (*Marlene announced*) - The book for the January Unwined Book Club is “*Long Division*”, by Kiese Laymon. They will meet on January 8.

**OLD BUSINESS** - none

**NEW BUSINESS** - none

**Guests:** This year’s two student scholarship recipients were invited to join us at 11:30 today, since they were unable to attend our recent holiday luncheon. We were pleased to meet Ajay Pujaram, a computer engineering major, and the grandson of the late Rai Pujura, a professor in the Engineering Department. He is active in the ROTC program, and has a goal to be a 2<sup>nd</sup> Lieutenant in the U.S. Air Force in the office of Special Investigations. Rosa Tweed (Maureen Tweed’s daughter), however, was unable to come because of a class conflict.

**ADJOURNED:** The meeting was adjourned at 12:00 pm,

**NEXT MEETING: 10:00 am in the Millett Hall Conference Room**

**Respectfully submitted,**

**Donna J. Curtin  
WSURA Board Secretary**

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