

## Wright State University Retirees Association June 25, 2015 Board Meeting, 2015

**Board Members Present:** Jim Sayer, Abe Bassett, Gary Barlow, Peggy Bott, Donna Curtin, Mary Gromosiak, Elizabeth Harden, Gerry Petrak, Mary Kenton, Leone Low, Gary Pacernick, Judy Rose, Lew Shupe, Bob Wagley, Paul Wolfe and Dick Williams.

**Absent:** Abe Bassett, Marlene Bireley, Rich Johnson, Carol Stevenson & Gail Whitaker

**Guest:** Frieda Bennett (new board member)

President- Jim Sayer called the meeting to order at 10:00 am. He made a MOTION to approve the May 6, 2015, Board Minutes; seconded by Mary Kenton: THE MOTION WAS UNANIMOUSLY APPROVED BY A VOICE VOTE.

### OFFICERS REPORTS

**President, Jim Sayer** – He welcomed everyone to this year’s Annual Meeting in our wonderful new office space, and said he hopes everyone likes it. (Yes! Everyone agreed). He has enjoyed working with this year’s Board and commented it has been a fun year!

**Vice-President, Dick Williams** – nothing to report today, but said he is looking forward to serving as Board President during the coming year, and working with incoming President-elect, Mary Kenton, and all the Board members, to accomplish another successful year.

**Secretary, Donna Curtin** – no report

**Treasurer, Gail Whitaker** – absent, out of town. Jim commented, however, our budget is in good shape (thanks, Gail!).

**Past-president, Abe Bassett** – on vacation

**Communications, Marlene Bireley** – out of town

### COMMITTEES

**Activities - Mary Gromosiak** – said there are no additional events planned, at this time.

WSURA Reunion Luncheon: Mary sent *thank you* notes to everyone who donated a door prize. The turnout was great and we will most likely plan another one for next year. Everyone seemed to enjoy it.

WSU Retirees and Employees Picnic: The original date, June 18, was rained out! The “rain date” is set for one week later, Thursday, June 25.

Bee on the Go Travel Tour of Toledo: Friday, August 14 - Saturday, August 15. Jan Austin said only 11 have registered for the Toledo trip, so far. Mary will send out a reminder on the retirees list serve in an effort to attract more participants. The trip promises to be a wonderful time!

**Membership, Gerry Petrak** – she has received the new inserts listing the changes for the membership brochures. The inserts will show our new office address: when directing people to the WSURA Office, use the **Physical Location: 210 University Foundation Building; 3070 Presidential Drive** (across from Main Campus, behind Wendy’s restaurant)/ (However, please note: **send mail to the University Mail Room: Wright State University Retirees Association 3640 Col. Glenn Hwy, Room 210; Dayton, OH 45435-0001**

**By-laws and Elections, Judy Rose** – the *process has been completed for this year and the results for the 2015-2016* Board Members have been announced.

**OCHER, Rich Johnson** – absent. Paul Wolfe reported for him: they had a meeting on May 19. He will give the report at the next meeting, because it will be a long, and we are short on time today.

**Scholarship, Mary Kenton** – the Nick Davis money will give two scholarships to deserving students in December. Mary Gromosiak suggested we also consider offering a scholarship for *wounded warriors* – Jim said we will check into it. No decision has yet been made to also give a third scholarship this year. Another \$1,500 in income will need to be generated in order to do so.

## LIAISONS

**Athletic Council, Mary Kenton** – their last meeting was in April, and the next meeting will be held sometime during the beginning of Fall Semester. The Men’s’ Baseball Team had a great year!

**Alumni/Foundation, Elizabeth Harden.** – No report

**Friends of the Library, Gary Barlow – Glenn** Graham, a life-member of WSURA, were recently elected president for the Friends of the Library Board. Gary Barlow will serve on the Board as past-president.

The FOL Board has sub-committees working on up-dating the Bylaws; up-dating the FOL Strategic Plan; and initiating a committee to document the history of the FOL that will become a part of the Archives. Glenn Graham is a member of the Bylaws Committee, Gary Barlow is a member of the Strategic Plan Committee and Lew Shupe is chairperson of the FOL History Committee.

The FOL Board is in the initial stages of planning for next year’s workshops and special events such as the annual luncheon, the book club, student projects, and numerous other student, faculty, staff and community events.

**Historical Preservation, Lew Shupe** - many short interviews were conducted during the luncheon, and he was very pleased with the results. He especially liked Micki (Stamps) Kender’s comments: she said, “We worked hard as a group – and we got the job done.” Eleven mini-interviews were completed, and they will make a nice addition to the collection,

**International, Bob Wagley** – no report

**Sunshine, Peggy Bott** – Dean Iddings passed away, recently. More details will be reported in our August minutes.

**Old Business** – In closing, outgoing President Jim Sayer commented, “*this has been a productive and fun year!*” and, he thanked the Board members for their hard work to accomplish many successful endeavors. He welcomed the new members present, and extended our appreciation to Leone Lowe for her many years of service. She has served on the WSURA Board since its beginning, and she will be missed.

**New Business** – Elizabeth Harden suggested we consider planting a memorial tree on campus in remembrance of former WSU Provost, Michael Ferrari. Jim commented *he was a very effective administrator and a very nice person*. Several questions came to mind concerning the process as to how to go about having it done. Mary G. said we would need to call the grounds people and make the arrangements and have the plaque made. There are already several memorial trees throughout campus. Buildings and Grounds would approve the best kind of tree for the landscape, depending on the location. Jim will talk to Jeff Trick to find out if there are policies, and he will report his findings to Liz, so she can follow up with the plans.

When Mary Gromosiak and Gerry Petrak visited the Hilton Garden Inn to request a door prize contribution for our spring luncheon, they were given a tour of the facility and were encouraged to use the Hilton for a future WSURA meeting. Gerry offered to contact the Hilton to make arrangements for our August board meeting.

In closing, Jim officially welcomed our incoming president, Richard (Dick) Williams, and with a last hit of his gavel - passed it over to him. Dick thanked outgoing President Sayer and said he has enjoyed working with him, and is looking forward to working with the incoming president, Mary Kenton - and with all of us, again next year.

Please Note: Sarah's summer hours are posted to the front page of our website.

<http://www.wright.edu/retirees-association/about>

**Adjournment** - The meeting was adjourned at 11:00 am so everyone could head over to campus to enjoy a special event - the Annual Retirees' Picnic, relocated this year to the Student Union Atrium because of the *rain, rain that won't go away!* And, a fun time will be had by all anyway, no doubt.

**NEXT MEETING: 10:00 - 11:30 am, August 5, 2015** at the HILTON GARDEN INN. The Hilton Inn is located at 3520 Pentagon Blvd. across the street from the Soin Medical Center. We will meet in the Community Room on the first floor.

Respectfully submitted,

Donna Curtin  
WSURA Board Secretary