

WSU Retirees Association Board Meeting (Zoom) Minutes, June 3, 2020

Members Present Online: Larry Prochaska, Dan Abrahamowicz, Joyce Howes, Sheryl Provens, Ruth Schumacher, Mary Kenton, Robin Suits, Judith Engle, Peggy Bott, Gary Pacernik, Jerry Alter, Gary Barlow, Mary Gromosiak, Gail Whitaker, Donna Schlagheck, Dick Williams

Not present: Richard Mercer, Kathy Morris

1. President Prochaska called the meeting to order at 10:03 a.m. June 3, 2020.
2. Minutes for the May 6 meeting were approved without corrections.
3. President's Report: University will announce reopening plans June 30, 2020. Next WSURA board meeting will be August 5, 2020, at 10 a.m. An executive meeting may be called prior to that time.
The office answering machine message must be corrected, R. Suits said she can attend to that soon. L. Prochaska noted that the student worker (Emily) has been laid off, but has expressed an interest to return to the job if circumstances permit. She plans to graduate in December 2020.
4. President-elect D. Abrahamowicz (no report)
5. Past-president J. Howes (no report) Noted for all the painted rock story on local media.
6. Secretary R. Schumacher (no report)
7. Treasurer S. Provens Report: one new life member; little financial activity. Balance in state fund: \$494 Balance in Dues fund: \$17, 541. ProCard frozen by university. Invoices expected from Constant Contact and for OCHER dues. Will pay by check.
President Prochaska solicited ideas for drawing down the state fund, and a printer cartridge purchase was recommended. Approved without objection. \$6,617 has been put into the WSURA budget by the university. (JE) WSURA brochures should be reprinted as soon as the University Printing Shop reopens. Anticipated costs to publish THE EXTENSION (3 editions) and OCHER dues all fall within our budget capacity. Report approved without objection.
8. Communications: M. Kenton "We need a communication plan." Kenton noted summer and fall EXTENSION cannot be published, but she will collaborate with the editors of the newsletter and website to solicit and produce news items for our members. G. Barlow offered a possible artistic contribution. Discussion followed about the scope and impact of the university's planned reorganization into 4 colleges. Consensus emerged that the WSURA message at this time should simply be: We are alive and well and hope to be offering programming soon. (G. Whitaker) J. Engle indicated she will plan on a September newsletter, if possible, IF WSU opens.
9. Committee Reports: M. Gromosiak: Activities remain suspended. No Fall 2020 luncheon is planned. Interest in a program with Professor Paul Leonard,

probably a ZOOM session, was expressed. D. Schlagheck will coordinate with Paul Leonard.

10. Bylaws & Elections: G. Whitaker No report
11. Historical Preservation: Kathy Morris (No report)
12. Membership Development: J. Engle No report
13. OCHER: Peggy Bott (No report, OPERS) R. Williams (STRS) Out of pocket medical costs will rise \$200 due to Medicare policy change.
14. Scholarship: No report. M. Kenton and G. Alter noted recipients have been identified, and university financial aid office must be notified. President Prochaska will follow up w. R. Mercer.
15. Remembrances M. Bott: no reported deaths.
16. Webmaster: R. Suits Reported high rate of readership of new posts (over 50%).
17. LIAISONS: Alumni Affairs. R. Williams noted AA has cancelled all summer events, including its most successful fundraiser, the Golf Outing.
18. Friends of the Library, G. Barlow, noted Dawne Dewey's retirement, national search underway for replacement.
19. UCIE R. Schumacher No Report.
20. D. Schlagheck Community/National/International No Report
21. Athletics: M. Kenton and D. Abrahamowicz noted \$1 million cut in budget
22. Old business: S. Provens will share new member information with other committees, please request! Will proceed to purchase printer cartridges for the WSURA office if allowed by the University.
23. New business: no report
24. President Prochaska urged members to contribute to the WSURA PATRON FUND
25. Next meeting planned for August 5, 2020, at 10 a.m. on ZOOM.
26. Much appreciation expressed to Robin Suits for facilitating the technology!
27. Meeting adjourned at 11:05 a.m.

Respectfully Submitted,

D.Schlagheck