

WSURA Board Minutes: August 07, 2019

Present: Mary Kenton, Joyce Howes, Sheryl Provens, Dick Williams, Gary Barlow, Ruth Schumacher, Dan Abrahamowicz, Judi Engle, Robin Suits, Richard Mercer, Kathy Morris, Gail Whitaker, Larry Prochaska; Donna Schlagheck

Absent: Peggy Bott; Abe Basset; Mary Gromosiak; Gary Pacernick

OFFICER REPORTS

1. June minutes approved
2. President: Larry Prochaska
 - a. thanked Past President Howes for her guidance and assistance in the transition
 - b. update re parking passes: request made; Larry will follow up if they are not received soon
 - c. update re move:
 1. final determination not yet made but potential plans for new space will be sent to Larry
 2. general consensus from the last mtg was that WSUA will be moving, but again, the decision has not been finalized
 3. dead bolt lock is in process for the current board room
 4. interest expressed in another photo; Larry will work with our student worker to set up a photo session for Sept.
3. President Elect: Dan Abrahamowicz (no report)
4. Past President: Joyce Howes
 - a. will work with Alumni Relations re WSURA volunteers to develop a list of retired volunteers to work on or off campus for WSURA
 - b. Larry is talking with higher administration re the potential for future projects with WSURA
 - c. Joyce will work with Robin as needed re volunteer coordination
 - d. if board members receive a request for volunteers they are asked to let Joyce know
5. Secretary: Ruth Schumacher
 - a. reminder to board members to please send reports (if any) to Robin Suits
6. Treasurer: Sheryl Provens
 - a. discussed carry over funds (in the WSURA account, but cannot use)
 - b. presented and distributed the budget report; discussion followed
 - c. administration refunded the student employment account
 - d. WSURA can request (to the Provost) use of carry over funds for emergencies (e.g., computer crash)
 - e. the President encouraged board and also individual members who wish to contribute to do so to the Patron fund
 - f. discussion re contents of directory (goal is to reduce the volume), production, and dissemination; goal is to use the Patron fund as much as possible to fund the work. Intent is to begin work immediately so that information is as current as possible.
 - g. motion carried to approve the annual budget as discussed
7. Communications: Mary Kenton
 - a. the President thanked Mary for taking control of the scholarship initiative
 - b. Larry P. will talk with the Foundation office re identifying the associated retirees in scholarship letters
 - c. WSURA is paying for Constant Contact and the Exec Board wants to use it as much as possible.
 - d. motion made and approved for communication intended for the entire membership should first sent to Robin and then Robin will distribute to the membership/general public.
 - e. Joyce pointed out WSURA can use the volunteer hub for e-vites (for events); she will consult with Robin S. and Judi E. as this initiative moves forward to monitor potential overlap.
 - f. discussion re the picnic: board members encouraged to bring food/other; use the list that is organized by first letter of last name. Shopping trip for supplies planned for Tuesday. Dan A. to bring charcoal and fluid. Mary K will send a listing to the Board of what is still needed. Donation jar approved for the picnic.
 - g. Tim Wood and Paul Leonard lectures: Mary G. will be encouraged to send additional publicity

COMMITTEE REPORTS

1. Bylaws and Elections: Gail Whitaker (no report)
2. Historical Preservation: Dan Abrahamowicz
 - a. presented brief update
 - b. Kathy Morris to chair the committee
3. Membership: Judi Engle (membership #s previously discussed and noted within minutes above)
4. Dick Williams: OCHER
 - a. No change in STRS health insurance premiums
5. Scholarships: Richard Mercer
 - a. 3 scholarships were awarded
 - b. Jerry Alter will be joining the committee
6. Sunshine: Peggy Bott (absent)
 - a. Several deaths respectfully noted by Larry P
7. Webmaster: Robin Suits
 - a. reported on electronic newsletter traffic (very high)
 - b. website has about 2,000 hits a month
 - c. Richard M reported that CATS notified him that emeritus faculty websites will be deleted; Richard will send an email notice to Mary K, and cc Robin S. so stating

LIAISON REPORTS

1. Alumni Affairs: Dick Williams (no report)
2. Community/National Affairs: Donna Schlagheck (See: Report below.)
 - a. WSURA board invited to provide input to the 23rd anniversary Dayton peace accords events
3. Friends of the Libraries: Gary Barlow (See: Report below)
4. UCIE: Ruth Schumacher
 - a. meeting with UCIE staff scheduled for September to discuss promotion of the International Friendship Partner program
5. Athletic Council: Larry Prochaska; Mary Kenton
 - a. Update re conference members: Indiana-Purdue University at Fort Wayne has been added to the Horizon League

OLD BUSINESS

1. Beavercreek Senior Lifelong Learning Program noted
2. Membership Needs and Interests
 - a. Discussion re interest poll via survey monkey; referred to Communications Committee for development
 - b. Larry P discussed travel books currently owned by Abe Bassett, which he is willing to donate: is WSURA interested in receiving them along with a donated bookcase? Decision to accept the kind offer; Larry will pick up the books and the bookcase.

NEW BUSINESS

1. Consolidation of all communications from WSURA (previously discussed; see above, "Communications")
2. Student Assistant role
 - a. Praise for the student worker from all who have worked with her.
 - b. Gail W and Larry P to talk with the WSURA student assistant re duties, needs of the organization and her own interests, development of a time/task log, etc.
 - a. One idea is to involve the assistant in development initiatives
3. photos at the Sept WSURA board meeting
4. next exec committee: Aug 21: 11:00a.m; Sept WSURA board meeting: Sept 04, 10 a.m.

SUBMITTED REPORTS

8/7/2019 Community/National Affairs Report from Donna Schlagheck

- The Committee (now officially known as Dayton Peace Accords Committee 2020, or DPAC) is led by Dayton Commissioner Matt Joseph. A July meeting at Dayton City Hall, including Arch Grieve, a WSU alumnus who is now heading the Dayton Mediation Center, has already led an exchange of high school youth (from Dayton & Sarajevo).
- The WSU School of Public and International Affairs (formerly known as PLS & URS) will offer an upper-division course on diplomacy in spring 2020, and will offer fieldwork credits to master's students who participate in the academic/diplomatic conference now being planned for the November 2020 anniversary of the Dayton peace accord at WPAFB.
- Other participants in DPAC now include the University of Dayton, International Peace Museum, and the Dayton Literary Peace Prize.
- Donna highly recommends George Packer's bio on Richard Holbrooke: *Our Man: Richard Holbrooke and the End of the American Century*.
- Donna will collaborate with Ruth Schumacher to include international students at WSU via UCIE in the programming and community activities now being planned as part of the anniversary of the peace accords.

8/7/19 Friends of the Libraries Report from Gary Barlow

- The FOL Board was saddened by the passing of one of our board members. Jim Miley represented one of our community members, and was associated the library in Troy, Ohio. He was an active member of the FOL Board for the past few years.
- The library installed four stationary bike desks (FitDesk bikes) on the second floor. These were purchased by the FOL. "It's a way to have some non-sedentary study time where if you feel like you need to move a little bit," said Mandy Shannon head of instruction and research services at the University Libraries. An article in Inside Higher Ed reported that a growing number of university libraries were using FitDesk bikes.
- I am pursuing the possibility of a WSURA workshop/tour at the Dayton Art Museum. More information will be presented in the near future.